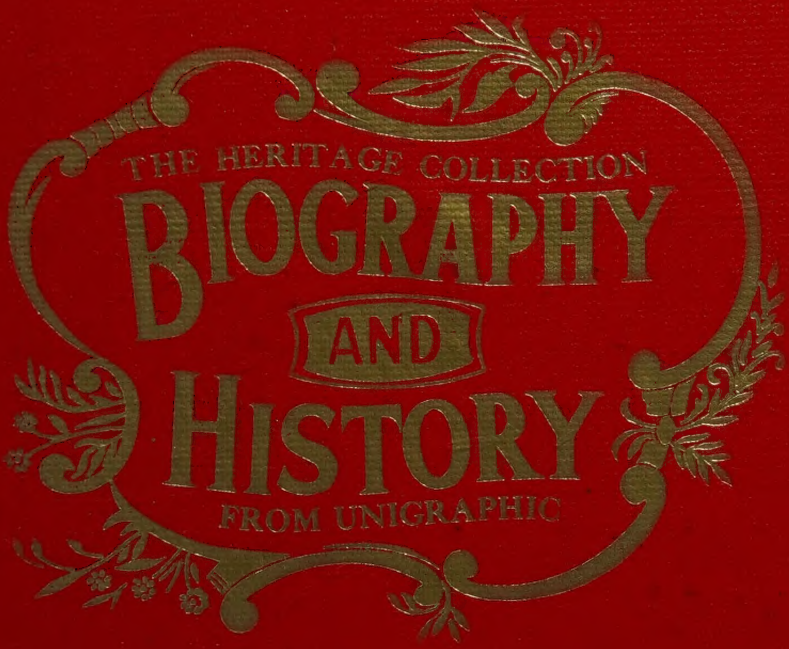
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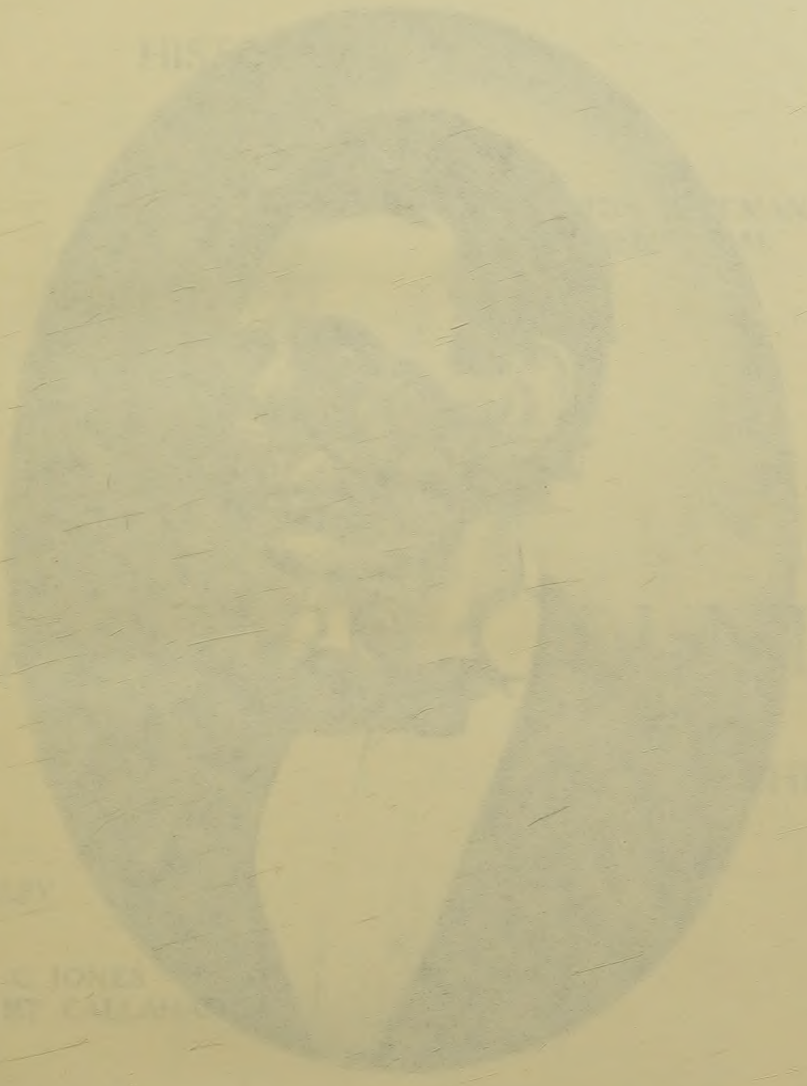

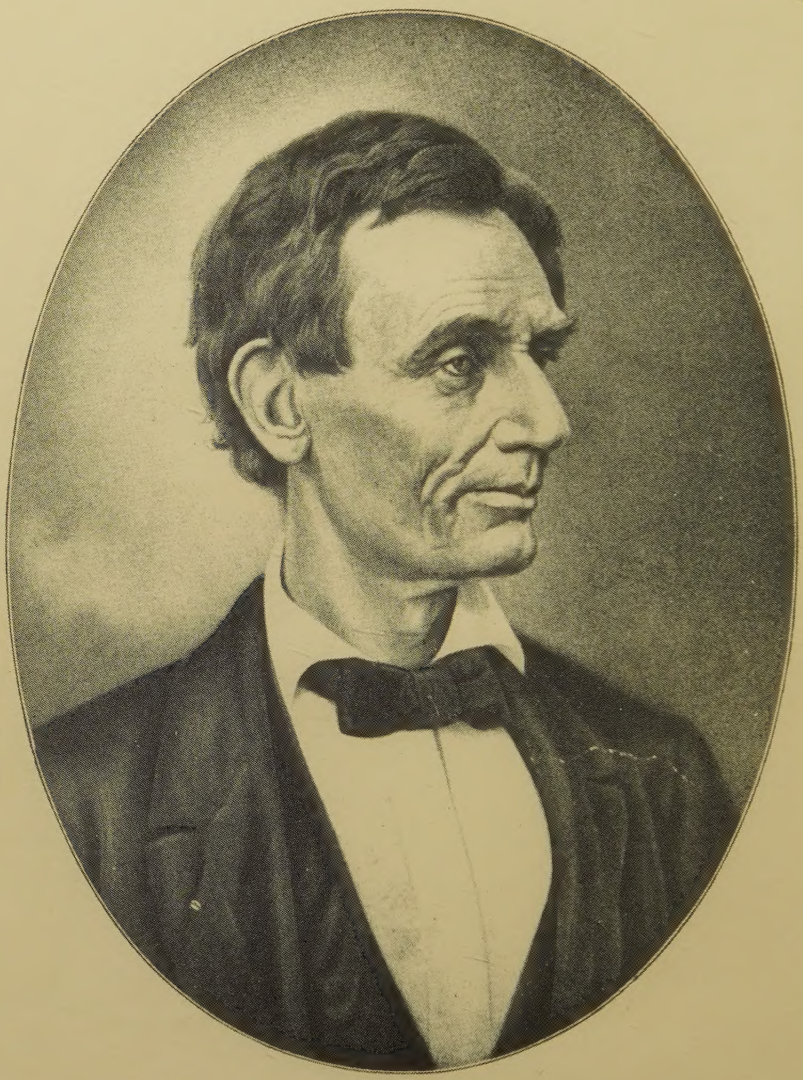

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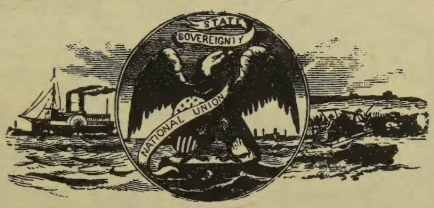

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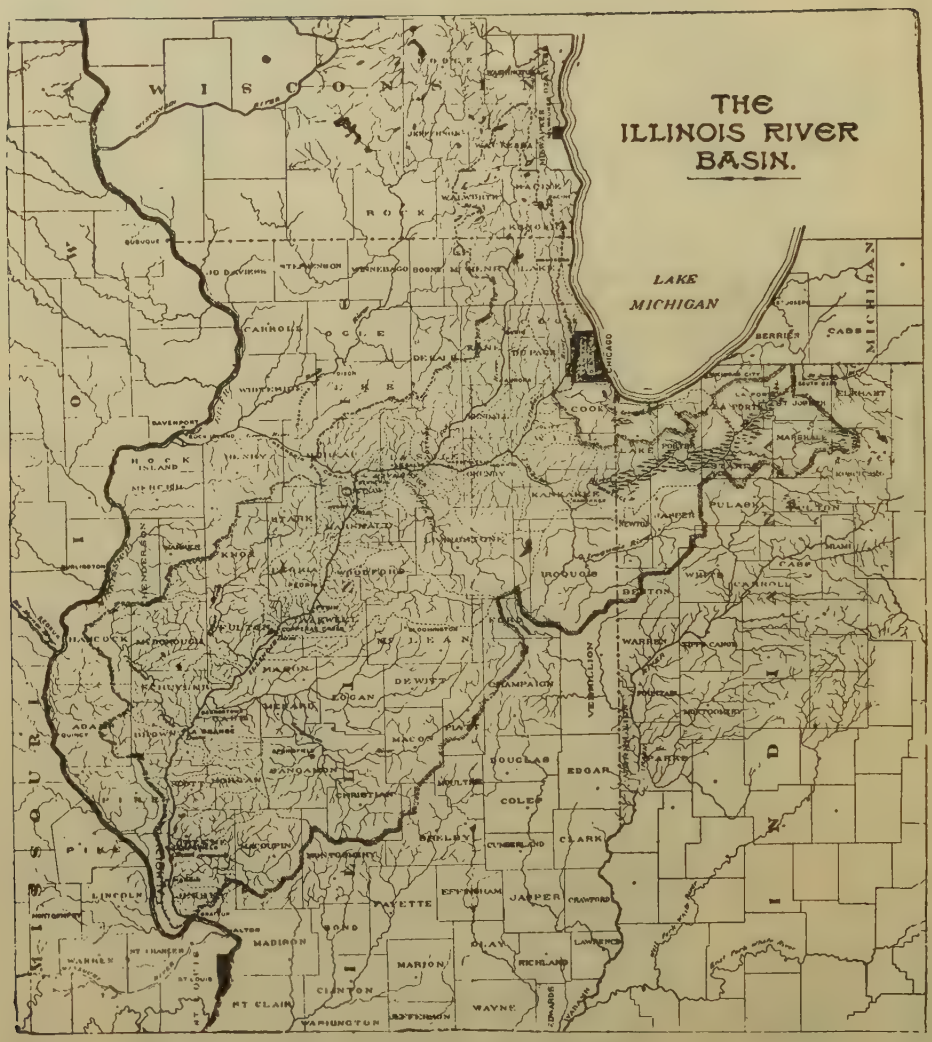

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N. Preston Bateman

PREFACE.

Why publish this book? There should be many and strong reasons to warrant such an undertaking. Are there such reasons? What considerations are weighty enough to have induced the publishers to make this venture? and what special claims has Illinois to such a distinction? These are reasonable and inevitable inquiries, and it is fitting they should receive attention.

In the first place, good State Histories are of great importance and value, and there is abundant and cheering evidence of an increasing popular interest in them. This is true of all such works, whatever States may be their subjects; and it is conspicuously true of Illinois, for the following, among many other reasons: Because of its great prominence in the early history of the West as the seat of the first settlements of Europeans northwest of the Ohio River—the unique character of its early civilization, due to or resulting from its early French population brought in contact with the aborigines—its political, military, and educational prominence—its steadfast loyalty and patriotism—the marvelous development of its vast resources—the number of distinguished statesmen, generals, and jurists whom it has furnished to the Government, and its grand record in the exciting and perilous conflicts on the Slavery question.

This is the magnificent Commonwealth, the setting forth of whose history, in all of its essential departments and features, seemed to warrant the bringing out of another volume devoted to that end. Its material has been gathered from every available source, and most carefully examined and sifted before acceptance. Especial care has been taken in collecting material of a biographical character; facts and incidents in the personal history of men identified with the life of the State in its Territorial and later periods. This material has been gathered from a great variety of sources widely scattered, and much of it quite inaccessible to the ordinary inquirer. The encyclopedic form of the work favors conciseness and compactness, and was adopted with a view to condensing the largest amount of information within the smallest practicable space.

And so the Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois was conceived and planned in the belief that it was *needed;* that no other book filled the place it was designed to occupy, or furnished the amount, variety and scope of information touching the infancy and later life of Illinois, that would be found in its pages. In that belief, and in furtherance of those ends, the book has been constructed and its topics selected and written. Simplicity, perspicuity, conciseness and accuracy have been the dominant aims and rules of its editors and writers. The supreme mission of the book is to record, fairly and truthfully, historical facts; facts of the earlier and later history of the State, and drawn from the almost innumerable sources connected with that history; facts of interest to the great body of our people, as well as to scholars, officials, and other special classes; a book convenient for reference in the school, the office, and the home. Hence, no attempt at fine writing, no labored, irrelevant and

long-drawn accounts of matters, persons or things, which really need but a few plain words for their adequate elucidation, will be found in its pages. On the other hand, perspicuity and fitting development are never intentionally sacrificed to mere conciseness and brevity. Whenever a subject, from its nature, demands a more elaborate treatment—and there are many of this character—it is handled accordingly.

As a rule, the method pursued is the separate and topical, rather than the chronological, as being more satisfactory and convenient for reference. That is, each topic is considered separately and exhaustively, instead of being blended, chronologically, with others. To pass from subject to subject, in the mere arbitrary order of time, is to sacrifice simplicity and order to complexity and confusion.

Absolute freedom from error or defect in all cases, in handling so many thousands of items, is not claimed, and could not reasonably be expected of any finite intelligence; since, in complicated cases, some element may possibly elude its sharpest scrutiny. But every statement of fact, made herein without qualification, is believed to be strictly correct, and the statistics of the volume, as a whole, are submitted to its readers with entire confidence.

Considerable space is also devoted to biographical sketches of persons deemed worthy of mention, for their close relations to the State in some of its varied interests, political, governmental, financial, social, religious, educational, industrial, commercial, economical, military, judicial or otherwise; or for their supposed personal deservings in other respects. It is believed that the extensive recognition of such individuals, by the publishers, will not be disapproved or regretted by the public; that personal biography has an honored, useful and legitimate place in such a history of Illinois as this volume aims to be, and that the omission of such a department would seriously detract from the completeness and value of the book. Perhaps no more delicate and difficult task has confronted the editors and publishers than the selection of names for this part of the work.

While it is believed that no unworthy name has a place in the list, it is freely admitted that there may be many others, equally or possibly even more worthy, whose names do not appear, partly for lack of definite and adequate information, and partly because it was not deemed best to materially increase the space devoted to this class of topics.

And so, with cordial thanks to the publishers for the risks they have so cheerfully assumed in this enterprise, for their business energy, integrity, and determination, and their uniform kindness and courtesy; to the many who have so generously and helpfully promoted the success of the work, by their contributions of valuable information, interesting reminiscences, and rare incidents; to Mr. Paul Selby, the very able associate editor, to whom especial honor and credit are due for his most efficient, intelligent and scholarly services; to Hon. Harvey B. Hurd, Walter B. Wines, and to all others who have, by word or act, encouraged us in this enterprise—with grateful recognition of all these friends and helpers, the Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois, with its thousands of topics and many thousands of details, items and incidents, is now respectfully submitted to the good people of the State, for whom it has been prepared, in the earnest hope and confident belief that it will be found instructive, convenient and useful for the purposes for which it was designed.

Newton Bateman,
Editor-in-Chief.

Paul O. Selby

PREFATORY STATEMENT.

Since the bulk of the matter contained in this volume was practically completed and ready for the press, Dr. Newton Bateman, who occupied the relation to it of editor-in-chief, has passed beyond the sphere of mortal existence. In placing the work before the public, it therefore devolves upon the undersigned to make this last prefatory statement.

As explained by Dr. Bateman in his preface, the object had in view in the preparation of a "Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois" has been to present, in compact and concise form, the leading facts of Territorial and State history, from the arrival of the earliest French explorers in Illinois to the present time. This has included an outline history of the State, under the title, "Illinois," supplemented by special articles relating to various crises and eras in State history; changes in form of government and administration; the history of Constitutional Conventions and Legislative Assemblies; the various wars in which Illinoisans have taken part, with a summary of the principal events in the history of individual military organizations engaged in the Civil War of 1861-65, and the War of 1898 with Spain; lists of State officers, United States Senators and Members of Congress, with the terms of each; the organization and development of political divisions; the establishment of charitable and educational institutions; the growth of public improvements and other enterprises which have marked the progress of the State; natural features and resources; the history of early newspapers, and the growth of religious denominations, together with general statistical information and unusual or extraordinary occurrences of a local or general State character—all arranged under topical heads, and convenient for ready reference by all seeking information on these subjects, whether in the family, in the office of the professional or business man, in the teacher's study and the school-room, or in the public library.

While individual or collected biographies of the public men of Illinois have not been wholly lacking or few in number—and those already in existence have a present and constantly increasing value—they have been limited, for the most part, to special localities and particular periods or classes. Rich as the annals of Illinois are in the records and character of its distinguished citizens who, by their services in the public councils, upon the judicial bench and in the executive chair, in the forum and in the field, have reflected honor upon the State and the Nation, there has been hitherto no comprehensive attempt to gather together, in one volume, sketches of those who have been conspicuous in the creation and upbuilding of the State. The collection of material of this sort has been a task requiring patient and laborious research; and, while all may not have been achieved in this direction that was desirable, owing to the insufficiency or total absence of data relating to the lives of many men most prominent in public affairs during the period to which they belonged, it is still believed that what has been accomplished will be found of permanent value and be appreciated by those most deeply interested in this phase of State history.

The large number of topics treated has made brevity and conciseness an indispensable feature of the work; consequently there has been no attempt to indulge in graces of style or

elaboration of narrative. The object has been to present, in simple language and concise form, facts of history of interest or value to those who may choose to consult its pages. Absolute inerrancy is not claimed for every detail of the work, but no pains has been spared, and every available authority consulted, to arrive at complete accuracy of statement.

In view of the important bearing which railroad enterprises have had upon the extraordinary development of the State within the past fifty years, considerable space has been given to this department, especially with reference to the older lines of railroad whose history has been intimately interwoven with that of the State, and its progress in wealth and population.

In addition to the acknowledgments made by Dr. Bateman, it is but proper that I should express my personal obligations to the late Prof. Samuel M. Inglis, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and his assistant, Prof. J. H. Freeman; to ex-Senator John M. Palmer, of Springfield; to the late Hon. Joseph Medill, editor of "The Chicago Tribune"; to the Hon. James B. Bradwell, of "The Chicago Legal News"; to Gen. Green B. Raum, Dr. Samuel Willard, and Dr. Garrett Newkirk, of Chicago (the latter as author of the principal portions of the article on the "Underground Railroad"); to the Librarians of the State Historical Library, the Chicago Historical Library, and the Chicago Public Library, for special and valuable aid rendered, as well as to a large circle of correspondents in different parts of the State who have courteously responded to requests for information on special topics, and have thereby materially aided in securing whatever success may have been attained in the work.

In conclusion, I cannot omit to pay this final tribute to the memory of my friend and associate, Dr. Bateman, whose death, at his home in Galesburg, on October 21, 1897, was deplored, not only by his associates in the Faculty of Knox College, his former pupils and immediate neighbors, but by a large circle of friends in all parts of the State.

Although his labors as editor of this volume had been substantially finished at the time of his death (and they included the reading and revision of every line of copy at that time prepared, comprising the larger proportion of the volume as it now goes into the hands of the public), the enthusiasm, zeal and kindly appreciation of the labor of others which he brought to the discharge of his duties, have been sadly missed in the last stages of preparation of the work for the press. In the estimation of many who have held his scholarship and his splendid endowments of mind and character in the highest admiration, his connection with the work will be its strongest commendation and the surest evidence of its merit.

With myself, the most substantial satisfaction I have in dismissing the volume from my hands and submitting it to the judgment of the public, exists in the fact that, in its preparation, I have been associated with such a co-laborer—one whose abilities commanded universal respect, and whose genial, scholarly character and noble qualities of mind and heart won the love and confidence of all with whom he came in contact, and whom it had been my privilege to count as a friend from an early period in his long and useful career.

Paul Selby,
Associate Editor.

PREFACE

As the title of this volume, "ILLINOIS (Historical) CRAWFORD COUNTY (Biographical)," implies, the Crawford County department thereof is quite largely devoted to a record of the lives and deeds of many whose efforts, in the past, have resulted in the splendid conditions now prevailing in the commonwealth. The early history of Crawford County and its various townships has also been given extended space in this publication, while due prominence has been accorded to the great local oil development and other productive interests. In the accomplishment of this work it gives the publishers profound satisfaction to state that they have received the cordial cooperation and aid of public-spirited citizens of the county, to whom thanks is hereby extended for whatever of success may have been achieved.

As the eleventh of the counties of Illinois in the order of organization by act of the Territorial Legislature—its area then extending to the Canadian boundary on the north, and including the site of the present great metropolis of the Northwest, the city of Chicago—and one of the fifteen counties into which Illinois was divided at the date of its admission into the Federal Union, as well as almost on the line of Col. George Rogers Clark's famous march from Kaskaskia to Vincennes, which insured the conquest of the Illinois Country by the American arms, and even before the coming of the first permanent American settlers the home of French pioneers, Crawford County has been the center of historic interest second to no other county in the State, while its development in recent years has attracted to it a large degree of attention throughout the country generally. These points have been taken note of in this volume as far as space would permit, and, with the biographical department, it is hoped will constitute a welcome addition to the private and public libraries of Crawford County.

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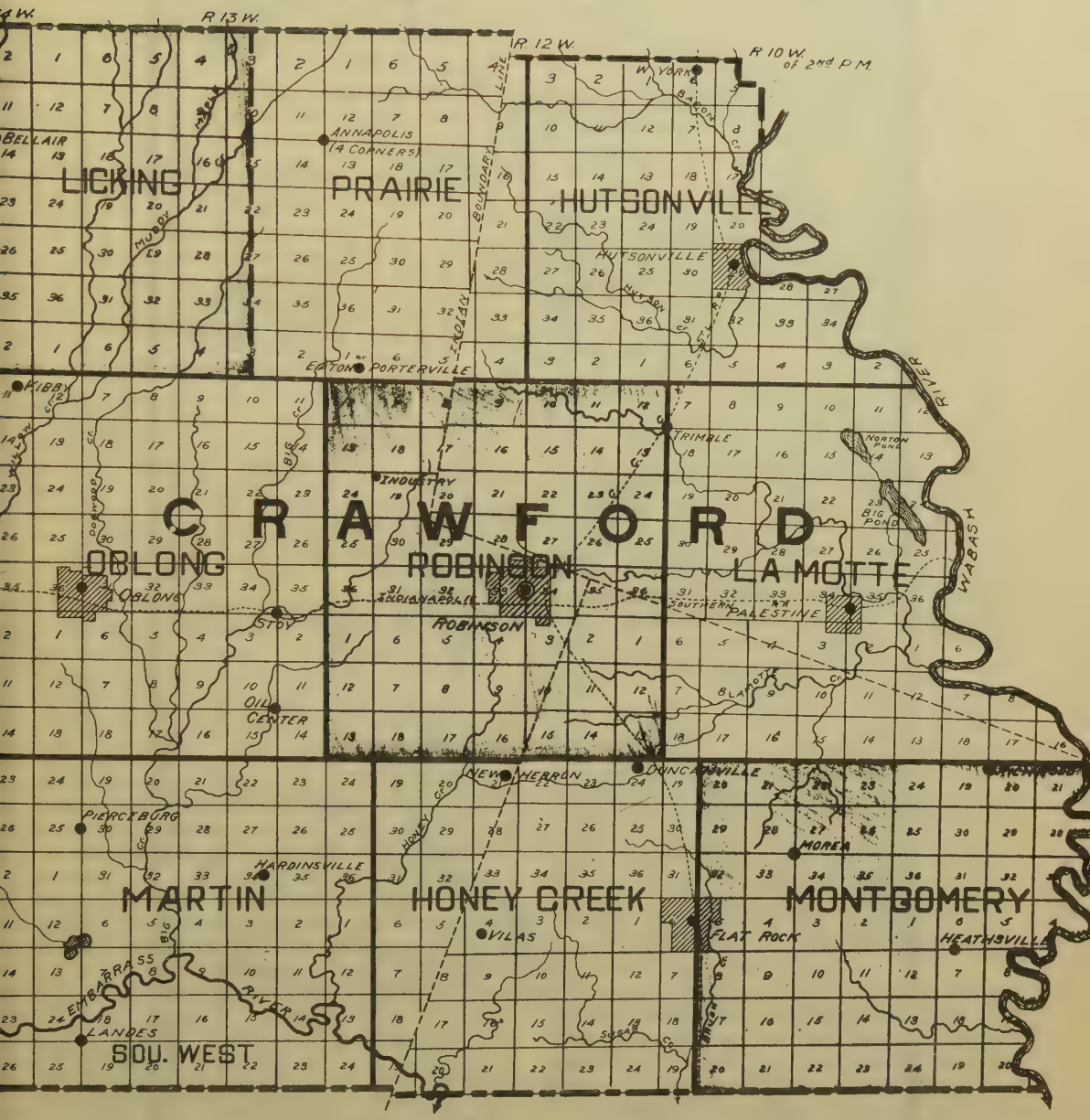

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OIL DEVELOPMENT IN EASTERN ILLINOIS

CRAWFORD COUNTY

CHAPTER I.

INTRODUCTORY.

BOUNDARIES AND AREA OF CRAWFORD COUNTY—SURFACE CONDITIONS—TIMBER AND PRAIRIE LANDS—STREAMS AND THE REGION WHICH THEY DRAIN — GEOLOGIC FORMATIONS — DIFFERENT STRATA AND THEIR EXTENT—COAL MEASURES ARE MEAGER—IRON AND BUILDING-STONE—SOIL AND TIMBER—VARIETIES OF TREES AND AGRICULTURAL CROP PRODUCTS.

In the official report of the geological survey of the State of Illinois, Crawford County is described as containing "seven full and several fractional townships, making an aggregate area of about 438 square miles. It is bounded on the north by Clark County, on the east by the Wabash River, on the south by Lawrence and Richland counties, and on the west by Jasper County. With the Wabash River on its eastern border, it is traversed by several small streams tributary thereto. The surface is generally rolling, and was originally mostly covered with timber, which, in course of time, has largely disappeared, enough remaining, however, to supply the prospective demand for many years. The southwest portion of the county, from the Shaker Mills on the Embarras River, nearly to Robinson, is quite broken, and there are also belts of broken land of greater or less extent on all the streams. The principal water courses in the county tributary to the Wabash River are the Embarras, which runs diagonally across its southwest corner; the North Fork, traversing its western border from north to south; Crooked Creek, also in the southwest part, and Brushy Fork, Lamotte Creek, Sugar Creek, Hutson Creek, and a few other smaller streams in the eastern portion of the county. Only a small proportion of the land is prairie. The few prairie stretches are generally small, and for the most part rolling, and are mainly confined to the northern and western portion of the county and to the bottom and terrace lands adjacent to the Wabash River."

"GEOLOGICAL FORMATION. — The quaternary beds in Crawford County consist of buff or drab marly clays belonging to the Loess, which are found capping the bluffs on the Wabash, and attaining a thickness of ten to twenty feet or more, and from twenty to forty feet of brown gravelly clays and hard-pan, the latter resting upon the bed rock, or separated from it by a thin bed of stratified sand or gravel. These beds, if found in a vertical section, would indicate the following order of succession: buff and drab marly clays or sand, ten to twenty feet; brown and yellow gravelly clays, fifteen to twenty feet; bluish gray hard-pan, ten to twenty-five feet; sand or gravel, three feet. The superficial deposits are thin, and at most places the bed rock will be found within fifteen or twenty feet of the surface. Small boulders are frequently met with in the branches, but large ones are quite uncommon, and they are more often derived from the limestone and hard sandstone of the adjacent coal-measure beds than from the metamorphic rocks beyond the confines of the State, although some of the latter may be seen.

"COAL MEASURES.—The stratified rocks of Crawford Conuty all belong to the upper coal measure, the lowest of them appearing in the bed of the Wabash River, and the highest along the western borders of the county, including the horizon of coals, Nos. 11, 12 and 13, of the Illinois Section. Our only knowledge of the underlying formations is derived from a shaft and boring made at Palestine Landing. This shaft was sunk to reach a coal seam reported in a boring previously made for oil, to be four feet

thick, and at a depth of 123 feet. The boring showed two thin beds of limestone above the coal, and the bituminous shale proved to be two feet thick, and the coal only six inches. In the western portion of the county but little coal has been found, and mining has been carried on in a systematic way only to a limited extent.

"Iron and Building-Stone.—Numerous bands of carbonate of iron occur in the shales on Lamotte Creek and in the river bank at Palestine Landing. Robinson is located on a sandstone deposit overlaying all the rocks found in the bluffs at Palestine Landing, and the outcrops of sandstone, on the small branch of Sugar Creek that drains the section on which the town is built, show from fifteen to twenty feet in thickness of soft brown rock, in which considerable quarrying is done. North of Robinson, on the northeast quarter of Section 16, Township 7, Range 12, a much greater thickness of strata is exposed. The massive brown sandstone obtainable here affords very durable material for commercial uses. The best building stone to be found in the county is obtained north of Robinson. On Lamotte Creek, affording a cheap and lasting stone for foundation walls, bridge abutments, etc., and near Palestine Landing, has been obtained a good quality of carbonate of iron, good brick is manufactured from the subsoil of the uplands, and sand is found in the Loess deposits of the river bluffs and in the beds of the streams.

"Soil and Timber.—From Hutsonville south there is a belt of alluvial bottom and terrace land, from one to three miles in width, extending to the mouth of Lamotte Creek, a distance of about ten miles. This is mostly prairie, and the soil is a deep sandy loam and very productive. The upland prairies have a chocolate colored soil, not so rich as the black prairie soil of Central Illinois, but yielding fair crops of corn, wheat, oats, clover, etc. On the timbered lands the soil is somewhat variable. Where the surface is broken the soil is somewhat thin, but on the more level portions, where the growth is composed in part of black walnut, sugar tree, linden, hackberry and wild cherry, it is very productive, and yields annually large crops of all the cereals usually grown in this latitude. The variety of timber observable in the county are the common species of oak and hickory, black and white walnut, white and sugar maple, slippery and red elm, honey-locust, linden, hackberry, ash, red birch, cottonwood, sycamore, coffee-nut, black gum, pecan, persimmon, paw-paw, crab-apple, wild plum, sassafras, rosebud, dogwood, ironwood, etc., etc."

CHAPTER II.

FIRST SETTLEMENT—COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS.

ERAS OF THE MOUND BUILDERS AND AMERICAN INDIANS—THE FRENCH FIRST WHITE OCCUPANTS—WILLIAM LAMOTTE, THE FIRST WHITE SETTLER IN VICINITY OF PALESTINE, LEAVES HIS NAME ON THE COUNTY MAP—OTHER EARLY FRENCH SETTLERS—COMING OF FIRST AMERICANS—FIRST LAND TRANSFER—ACT CREATING CRAWFORD COUNTY—FIRST OFFICERS—PRECINCT ORGANIZATION AND TAX RATES—PALESTINE BECOMES THE FIRST COUNTY SEAT—IS SUCCEEDED BY ROBINSON IN 1843—REWARDS FOR WOLF SCALPS—TAVERN LICENSES AND LIQUOR PRICES.

After the eras of the mysterious mound builders and their successors, the American Indians, the French were the first occupants of the country where Crawford County is now outlined upon the map, and the earliest settlement of that people were in the vicinity of the present town of Palestine, the original representative of the pioneer element being Lamotte, who perpetuated his name in connection with Lamotte Creek, Lamotte Prairie, and Fort Lamotte, on the site of which the above named village had its inception. The few French families who first established their homes in this region are supposed to have removed at an early period to Indiana, or settled at St. Louis or Kaskaskia.

First Land Transfer.—The records of the County Clerk's office show that the first conveyance of realty in Crawford County was from John Dunlap, of Edwards County, to Samuel Harris, the deed bearing date December 10, 1816. The names of a number of families have been handed down as residents at an earlier date, and among the first were those of Kitchell, McGahey, Eaton, Pierson, Woodworth, Van Winkle, Newlin, Cullom, Kennedy, Wood, Houston, Hutson, Waldrup, Hill, Wilson, Brimberry and

Lagow. The arrival of the Eaton family—Benjamin, Joseph, John, Stephen and Richard— is believed to have occurred in 1809. David and Allen are thought to have arrived the same year; the Van Winkles—Green and Dan—in 1810, the Woods following the next year, and Isaac Hutson a year later, as also the Piersons—Isaac, Joseph and William. In November of 1814 twenty-six families were domiciled within Fort Lamotte, and the fort built at the beginning of the War of 1812 was guarded by a body of ninety frontier troopers, commanded by Capt. Pierce Andrew. Edward N. Cullom, who afterwards became quite prominent in the affairs of the county, bought the land where the fort stood —the present site of Palestine,—for $4.16 per acre, together with a dwelling on it built by one of the Brimberrys.

Considerable numbers of Indians roamed about the country at this period, and they were generally peaceful, but during the War of 1812 they became disaffected, preying upon horses and stock, and in some cases took human life. As a result of one of their raids the entire family of Isaac Hutson, consisting of a wife and six children, perished in the midst of fiendish atrocities. Hutson, himself, after whom Hutson Creek and the town of Hutsonville were named, soon afterwards fell a victim to the same bloodthirsty band.

The territory covered by the State of Illinois was originally one of the counties of Virginia, created thus by act of the Virginia House of Delegates passed in 1778, and John Todd was appointed by Governor Patrick Henry as Civil Governor of what was then called the New Illinois Country. At the session of the Legislature of the Illinois Territory in 1816, several counties were formed in Illinois, among them being Crawford, the eleventh in succession, St. Clair, Randolph, Madison, Gallatin, Johnson, Edwards, White, Jackson, Monroe and Pope having preceded it. It was organized from what had previously constituted a part of Edwards County, and is understood to have been named in honor of Gen. William H. Crawford, of Georgia, who had served as United States Senator, Minister to France, Secretary of War, and Secretary of the Treasury and was a candidate for President in 1824. The act dividing Edwards County and creating Crawford, provided as follows: "Be it enacted by the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the Illinois Territory, that all that tract of country within the following boundaries, to-wit: Beginning at the mouth of the Embarras River, and running with the said River to the intersection of the line dividing Townships number three and four north of range eleven west of the second principal meridian; thence west with said township line to the meridian, and then due north until it strikes the line of Upper Canada; thence to the line that separates this Territory from the State of Indiana, and thence south with said division line to the beginning, shall constitute a separate County, to be called Crawford; and the seat of justice shall be at the house of Edward N. Cullom, until it shall be permanently established in the following method, that is: Three persons shall be appointed, to-wit: John Dunlap, Thomas Handy and Thomas Kennedy, which said commissioners, or a majority of them, being duly sworn before some Judge of Justice of the Peace of this Territory, to faithfully take into view the situation of the settlements; the geography of the country, the convenience of the people, and the eligibility of the place, shall meet on the second Monday in March next, at the house of Edward N. Cullom, and proceed to examine and determine on the place for the permanent seat of justice, and designate the same: *Provided*, the proprietor or proprietors of the land shall give to said county, for the purpose of erecting public buildings, a quantity of land at said place not less than twenty acres, to be laid out in lots and sold for the above purpose. But should the said proprietor or proprietors refuse or neglect to make the said donation aforesaid, then, in that case it shall be the duty of the commissioners to ments in said county, which place, when fixed fix upon some other place for the seat of justice, as convenient as may be to the different settleand determined on, the said commissioners shall certify under their hands and seals, and return the same to the next county court in the county aforesaid: and as a compensation for their services, they shall each be allowed two dollars for every day they be necessarily employed in fixing the aforesaid seat of justice, to be paid out of the county levy, which said court shall cause an entry thereof to be made on their records, etc., etc.

The foregoing document is signed,—

"SETH GARD,

"Speaker of the House of Representatives, pro tempore."

"PIERRE MENARD,
"President of the Legislative Council."
"Approved, December 31, 1816."
"NINIAN EDWARDS."

For some years after the county was organized all its official business was transacted by Justices of the Peace. The County Court held its first session February 26, 1817, in the dwelling of Edward N. Cullom, in the vicinity of what is now the town of Palestine, Justices Edward N. Cullom and John Dunlap presiding, Francis Cullom being Sheriff, and Edward H. Piper, clerk. The first proceeding was to confirm the bond of Mr. Cullom and install Joseph Malcom as constable. It next divided the county into election precincts, the first named "Allison," and extending from the mouth of the Embarras River up the Wabash to the center of Township 5; the second called "Lamotte," and covering the country running from the center of Township 5 to that of Township 8; and the third, designated as "Union," took in the region north of Township 8, up to the Canadian line. The assessors of these districts were: for Lamotte, Joel Cheek; Union, Isaac Moore, and Allison, George W. Kincaid. The court also installed road overseers and fence viewers for the same precincts. Taxes were assessed at the following rates: on horses, mares, mules and asses, 37½ cents per head; on stallions, an amount proportionate to fees charged by owners; on every person over sixteen years old held in slavery, $1.00; on all unmarried men over 21 years of age, not having taxable property to the amount of $200, $1.00; on houses of every description, 30 cents on each hundred dollars of valuation; on James Gibson's ferry, $5, and on that of E. Twombly, $3. The following legal ferriage rates over the Wabash were established: for wagon and team, 75 cents; a two-wheeled carriage, 37½ cents; a man and horse, 12½ cents; a man on foot, 6¼ cents; cattle, four cents a head, and sheep and hogs, two cents a head. At the second term of the county court, held in the same house, June 23-24, 1817, Messrs. Cullom and Dunlap and Isaac Moore sitting as Justices, a permit was issued to Isaac Parker to build a water mill on Mill Creek, North of Palestine, some 25 miles; George Catron, William Lockard and James Caldwell were appointed to "view and mark out a road" from Edward N. Cullom's, on Lamotte Prairie, to the head of Walnut Prairie; and to Smith Shaw, Benjamin Eaton and Francis Cullom was entrusted the duty of viewing out another road from Cullom's place to the ferry of Arthur Jones. Edward H. Piper filed his bond as County Clerk; Allen McGahey, as first Coroner, and John Dunlap as first County Surveyor. The third term was occupied with minor details; but at the fourth term, held by Justices Samuel Harris, George W. Kincaid, James Shaw, Smith Shaw and Joseph Kitchell, on April 6, 7 and 8, 1818, Seth Gard and Peter Keene presented their report on the location of the county-seat, these gentlemen having been appointed by the Legislature for that purpose in place of those named in the original act. The location was fixed as follows:

"The center of said public square to be 80 rods north of the southeast quarter of Section 31, Township 7, north, Range 11 west, and to extend exactly on the line dividing Sections 34 and 35 in the township above stated. The donation given to the county to be one equal half of 60 acres of ground, to be laid off on the following quarter-section: To be laid the whole length of the S. E. quarter of Section 34, as above stated, and on the east side of said quarter, and the whole length of the S. W. quarter of Section 35, to be laid the whole length of said quarter, and on the west side of the same."

PALESTINE LAID OUT.—The town of Palestine was laid out on the tract thus described, being divided into 160 lots, with streets and alleys. The land on the east side of the square was owned by Edward N. Cullom, and that on the west, by Joseph Kitchell, every alternate lot being donated to the county by them. Such lots were sold from time to time by David Porter, appointed for this purpose by the county, and stores and houses were gradually built, the place developing slowly into the town of Palestine. This continued to be the county-seat, until by popular vote, October 12, 1843, the town of Robinson was designated in its stead.

At the fourth term of the county court, when Palestine became the official center, wolf scalps, at $2 each, were made a legal tender in Crawford County, being receivable for county taxes, and legal tenders for "whisky, tobacco and other necessaries of life." At a subsequent term of court wolf scalps were presented as follows: one, each, by Jan Martin, J. Gallon, John Garrard, Chalkey Draper, John Berry, George W. Carter, John Miller, William Y. Hackett, and William Lowe; nine by James Gain; three, each,

by John Allison and Hugh Miller; five by John Waldrup; two, each, by Jacob Blaze, James Gill and Abram Coonrod; and ten, each, by Thomas Handy and Francis Cullom. At this term it was provided that retailers of whisky should take out a tavern license, and provide sufficient room for a specified number of guests, with accommodations for their horses. The court regulated the prices of beverages sold by tavern-keepers thus: a half-pint of wine, French brandy or rum, 50 cents; half-pint of peach or apple brandy, 18¾ cents; half-pint of whisky, 12½ cents. The price of a meal was fixed at 25 cents, and of a horse-feed, at 12½ cents.

CHAPTER III.

A PERIOD OF TRANSITION.

FIRST COUNTY JAIL BUILT IN 1818—ILLINOIS BECOMES A STATE DURING THE SAME YEAR—ADOPTION OF A STATE CONSTITUTION RESULTS IN CHANGES IN COUNTY GOVERNMENT—FIRST BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS—OTHER COUNTY OFFICERS—A SERIES OF COURT HOUSE DISASTERS—FIRST AND SECOND BUILDINGS BURNED, THE LAST BEFORE IT WAS TURNED OVER BY THE CONTRACTORS—A THIRD BUILDING ERECTED IN 1833 SERVES UNTIL REMOVAL OF THE COUNTY SEAT TO ROBINSON IN 1843—FIRST COURT HOUSE ERECTED IN ROBINSON IN 1844 AND SECOND JAIL IN 1845—A STONE JAIL ERECTED IN 1877.

At the period of the fifth term of the County Court in 1818, the time had come when the building of a jail was a necessity. As the population increased the lawless element had made its presence manifest, and methods of restraint had become imperative. The contract to build a prison of hewn logs twelve inches square, was let to John Woods, the lowest bidder, August 22, 1818, and he completed the work for $514, County Clerk Piper superintending the construction. Commencing December 7th of the year, the last term of the county court under the old Territorial system was held with Joseph Kitchell, David Porter and Thomas Anderson as Justices. Illinois had been admitted into the Union as a State during the year, and a change in the law provided for the transaction of official business pertaining to counties by a body called County Commissioners, three for each county. The first Commissioners were Wickliffe Kitchell, Edward N. Cullom and William Barbee, and their first session began June 7, 1819, in James Wilson's tavern in the town of Palestine, Edward H. Piper serving as Clerk, John H. Woodworth, Sheriff, and Thomas Kennedy being appointed County Treasurer. In December, 1819, the new County Commissioners formally accepted the jail built by Joseph Wood, and the same month, accepted the new court house erected by William Lindsey, of Vincennes, Ind., under a contract previously let, the latter building being first used for court purposes in March, 1820. At the October term of the court in that year, it was ordered: "That Venetian blinds be made for the court house in Palestine and slips to shut them against; that the two doors be faced with strong ruff scantling, and double batten-shutters be made and hung to each; that the windows and doors be hung with good wrought or cast iron hinges, and each side be cornished up with good, neat, solid cornish, like that on the steam sawmill at Vincennes." The material was of a very inferior quality and the construction was equally poor, so that, although occupied for several years, the county had refused to pay for it in full until compelled by a judgment rendered against it in the Circuit Court of Edwards County. It was never entirely completed, and in course of time, was thrice struck by lightning, the walls being damaged to such an extent that they were finally taken down, the material being sold. The county being now without a court house, second official quarters were obtained wherever the county could rent space, the Circuit Court sometimes sitting in one part of the town and the grand jury holding its session in another. In March, 1830, the County Commissioners passed an order providing for the building of a frame court house on the southwest corner of the public square. The hewn timbers for this building were furnished by David Porter at a cost of $119, and Benjamin Myers and his six brothers put up the building. On the night before it was to have been turned over to the county authorities it was destroyed by fire. In December, 1832, County Commissioner John Boyd, James H. Wilson and Asa Norton passed

an order "that another court house be built on the same ground, and of the same kind and size as the one burnt." This structure, which is still standing, was built by Sewell Goodridge and Presley O. Wilson, and was occupied by the county for official purposes until the removal of the county-seat to Robinson. It was afterwards used for several years as a place of worship by the Christian denomination. The first court house in Robinson, costing $4,200, was erected in 1844, the expense of its construction being paid from the "bonus fund," consisting of money received from the sale of saline and mineral lands, together with donations made by the State, amounting to several thousand dollars, in aid of county improvements. The old log-jail was moved to Robinson in 1843 and was succeeded by a brick jail in 1845, the latter giving place to another containing iron cells, two years later. In 1877, a stone jail was built, southeast of the court house.

CHAPTER IV.

COURTS—BENCH AND BAR.

FIRST CIRCUIT COURT IN CRAWFORD COUNTY HELD IN TERRITORIAL DAYS—FIRST COURT CASES AND FIRST GRAND AND PETIT JURIES—OTHER NOTABLE CASES—TRIAL OF THREE INDIANS FOR MURDER—A RECORD BREAKING SERIES OF INDICTMENTS AGAINST ONE CRIMINAL—MILD VERDICT FOR A FUGITIVE—LIST OF JUDGES WHO HAVE PRESIDED OVER CRAWFORD COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT—PERSONAL SKETCHES OF MEMBERS OF THE BENCH AND BAR.

The first Circuit Court for Crawford County was held at the house of Edward N. Cullom, September 15, 1817, the presiding Judge being "Honorable Thomas Towles." The first Grand Jury was composed of William Howard, foreman; Daniel Travis, William Travis, Thomas Mills, Ira Allison, Samuel Allison, Asahel Haskins, John Waldrop, Sen., Richard Eaton, Thomas Jones, Daniel Martin, William Garrard, Benjamin Parker, Jonas Painter, Samuel Brimberry, Peter Price, John Lamb, William Everman, William Hicks, George Smith and Newberry York, who were "sworn to inquire for the county of Crawford," and "received their charge and retired out of court to consider of their presentment." The first case tried was a simple suit for debt brought by Stephen Beck against Joseph Bogart, in which the defendant confessed judgment, which was accordingly rendered. The second trial, a jury case, was on a charge of assault and battery brought by Elisha Bradberry against Robert Gill, the jury consisting of the following persons: Thomas Wilson, Ithra Byshears, Joseph Shaw, John Funk, Andrew Montgomery, John R. Adams, James Moore, Joseph Eaton, Joseph Wood, Isaac Parker, George Bogher and James Gibson. The verdict was for the plaintiff in the sum of $37.02, which the court confirmed. At the same time it was "ordered that Thomas Handy, Charles Neeley and John Funk, Jr., be summoned here at the next term of this court, to show cause why they shall not be fined for failing to attend as grand jurors agreeably to the summons of the sheriff." Among the indictments returned by the grand jury was one in the name of the United States versus Cornelius Taylor "for bringing home a hog without the ears." The next term of the circuit court of which there is any record is held in Palestine, July 7, 1819, presided over by Honorable Thomas C. Browne, with William Wilson as circuit attorney. An indictment was reported by the grand jury at this term in which three Delaware Indians—William Killbuck, Captain Thomas, and Big Panther—were charged with the murder of Thomas McCall, a surveyor, who in trading with the Indians, was in the habit of giving them an order for whisky on Cornelius Taylor, keeper of a still-house. In this case McCall handed them a supposed order, which instead was a request not to give them any liquor. On discovering this the Indians became incensed and killed McCall. The jury returned a verdict of guilty, but a new trial was granted, Killbuck being arraigned separately. He was convicted and sentenced to be hanged on July 14, 1819, but made his escape. Captain Thomas and Big Panther were subsequently released on a *nolle prosequi* entered by the public prosecutor. The large number of assault and battery cases tried in these days indicates that fighting was the most common form of law-breaking, and many of the most violent characters of the frontier figured in

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the trials. Among these was Cornelius Taylor, whose vicious practices have kept his memory alive in this region. During one term of court he was indicted for larceny, assault and battery, rape, horse-stealing and hog-stealing, and was privately accused of other grave offenses. Some of the trials were almost comical in their results, among them being that of Hugh Dail, indicted for assault and battery, who fled to Edgar County, whence he was brought back by the Sheriff under a writ, and, pleading guilty, was fined 50 cents and "costs."

This session of court lasted two days, five civil cases being tried. Besides the hog case referred to, three indictments were returned—one for selling whisky to Indians, and two for assault and battery.

After the admission of Illinois as a State, a special term of the State Court was held under Judge Thomas C. Browne, who served as a Justice of the Supreme Court from October 9, 1818, to December 4, 1848, and presided over all the court sessions in this circuit until that held in October, 1824. Then William Wilson, former Circuit Attorney and a resident of White County, occupied the bench of the circuit for one term. The latter was also a Justice of the Supreme Court and served from July, 1819, until December, 1848.

Circuit Judges, 1824-1908.—In 1824 James O. Wattles was elected by the Legislature Justice of the Circuit Court for the Fifth Circuit, but was legislated out of office in 1827. Later the county constituted a part of the Fourth Circuit, of which Justin Harlan was the presiding Justice from 1835 to 1859. From 1859 to 1865 it formed a part of the Twenty-fifth Circuit, with Alfred Kitchell, J. C. Allen and Aaron Shaw as Circuit Judges for different periods, in the latter year becoming a part of the Fourth Circuit with Hiram C. Decius upon the bench. This continued until the adoption of the Constitution of 1870, when the county was transferred to the Twenty-first Circuit, with J. C. Allen as Circuit Judge, who was succeeded in 1877 by John H. Halley, the county having then become a part of the Second District, which it still remains. In 1879 the number of Judges in each of the thirteen Circuits into which the State was then divided, was increased to three, and those who have since held the position of Circuit Judges have been as follows: 1879-85—Chauncey S. Conger, Thomas S. Casey and William C. Jones; 1885-91—Conger, Jones and C. C. Boggs; 1891-97—C. C. Boggs, S. Z. Landis and E. D. Youngblood; 1897-1903—Youngblood, Prince Albert Pearce and Enoch E. Newlin; 1903-09—Pearce, Newlin and Jacob R. Creighton.

SKETCHES OF EARLY JUDGES.

Of Judge Thomas Towles, the first judge to hold court in Crawford County, little is known beyond the fact that his service began while Illinois was still a Territory.

Judge Thomas C. Browne, who succeeded Judge Towles as Presiding Justice, came to Shawneetown as early as 1812, later served in each branch of the Territorial Legislature (1814-16, and 1816-18) respectively, in 1815, was appointed Prosecuting Attorney, and on the admission of Illinois as a State, was promoted to the Supreme Bench, upon which he served continuously until the adoption of the Constitution of 1848, his later years being spent in Galena, where he died about 1856 or '58. (See *Browne, Thomas C.*, in "Historical Encyclopedia" portion of this volume).

Judge William Wilson, who succeeded Judge Browne, being at that time also a Justice of the Supreme Court, was born in Loudon County, Va., April 27, 1794, in 1817 removed to Kentucky, soon after came to Illinois, two years later locating near Carmi, White County, which continued to be his home for the rest of his life. In 1819 he was elected by the State Legislature a Justice of the Supreme Court as successor to Judge Foster, who held office only about nine months. Like Judge Browne, Judge Wilson remained in office until the adoption of the Constitution of 1848. He died at his home in White County April 29, 1857. (See *Wilson, William*, "Historical Encyclopedia" part of this work).

On the division of the State into circuits, James O. Wattles became Judge for the Fifth Circuit, which included Crawford County. Judge Wattles was commissioned January 19, 1825, but was legislated out of office in 1827, when Judge Wilson of the Supreme Court was restored to the Crawford County bench for a time. Judge James Hall, who officiated for a time as Circuit Judge previous to 1827, and later served as State Treasurer, was one of the earliest and most prominent authors in Illinois. His sketch will be found in the "Historical Encyclopedia" portion of this volume.

Undoubtedly one of the most prominent

Justices of the Crawford Circuit Court was Justin Harlan, who, although a resident of Marshall, Clark County, was widely known throughout Southern Illinois. Born in Ohio about 1801, he came to Clark County at the age of twenty-five years, served in the Black Hawk War; was commissioned a Justice of the Circuit Court in 1835; was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1847, and was twice elected Circuit Judge under the new constitution, serving until 1855, later acting as Indian Agent by appointment of President Lincoln. He died while on a visit to Kentucky in 1879. (See sketch in "Historical Encyclopedia").

Judge Hiram Decius, of Cumberland County, was commissioned as Judge for the Crawford County Circuit in December, 1865 and in 1867, serving until 1873.

Others who have served on the circuit bench in Crawford County include the names of Alfred Kitchell, James C. Allen, Aaron Shaw, Thomas S. Carey, Carroll C. Boggs and S. Z. Landes, sketches of whom will be found in the "Historical Encyclopedia" portion of this work, while sketches of Judges William C. Jones and Enoch E. Newlin, as citizens of Crawford County, appear in their proper places in the Crawford County division of the work.

CRAWFORD COUNTY BAR.

The material embraced in the following sketches of former and present members of the Crawford County Bar is drawn, for the most part, from the chapter on the "Bench and Bar of Crawford County," prepared by the Hon. Ethelbert Callahan, and published in Vol. I of the "Bench and Bar of Illinois" issued under the editorship of the late ex-Gov. John M. Palmer.

One of the earliest to engage in the practice of law in Crawford County was Wickliffe Kitchell, who was born in New Jersey, May 21, 1789, came to Southern Illinois about 1814, and began clearing a heavily timbered tract of land. While there engaged he met with an accident by cutting his foot which lamed him for life, partially incapacitating him for physical labor. Later he was elected Sheriff and, by contact with the courts, acquiring a taste for the law, began the study of such text-books as were accessible at that time. About 1817 he was admitted to the bar, and removing to Palestine, Crawford County, there began practice which he continued until 1838, when he removed to Hillsboro, Ill., during the following year being appointed Attorney-General of the State, a position which he retained until November, 1840, when he resigned to accept a seat as Representative in the State Legislature from Montgomery County. While a resident of Crawford County he had served two terms in the General Assembly, first as Representative (1820-22) and second as Senator (1828-32). He also served several years as State's Attorney. After spending eight years as a resident of Fort Madison, Iowa, in 1854, he returned to Hillsboro, Ill., and died at Pana, Ill., January 2, 1869. Three sons of his became members of the bar: Alfred Kitchell, who served one term as Judge of the Twenty-fifth Judicial Circuit, and died in Galesburg in 1876; Gen. Edward Kitchell, who assisted in organizing the Ninety-eighth Regiment Illinois Volunteers, of which he finally became Colonel, and retired as Brevet Brigadier-General, dying at Olney, Ill., July 11, 1869; and John Wickliff Kitchell, also a soldier in the Civil War with the rank of Major, and now residing at Pana, Ill. The elder Kitchell had the distinction of being one of the founders of Palestine, which was one of the prominent places in Eastern Illinois at an early date.

Another early practitioner at the bar in Crawford County was Eldredge S. Janney, born in Alexandria, Va., July 12, 1801, graduated at Nassau Hall College, Princeton, N. J., and came to Crawford County, Ill., in 1827, where, following the custom of his Virginia ancestors, he established his home in the country and managed a plantation while practicing law in the county seat. He had the reputation of being a well-read lawyer, as well as a man of scholarly tastes, who continued a devoted reader of classical literature until incapacitated by blindness. In 1853 he removed to Marshall, Clark County, where he died December 17, 1875.

One of the noted citizens of Illinois, Augustus C. French, was born in New Hampshire August 2, 1808, came to Illinois in the '30s, first locating in Edgar County, from which he served two terms in the State Legislature (1836-39). In 1839, having been appointed Receiver of Public Moneys in the Government Land Office at Palestine, he removed to Crawford County, and also engaged in the practice of law. In 1846, while a resident of the county, he was elected to the office of Governor and was reelected in 1848

under the constitution of that year, holding the office for six years, and being the first man in Illinois history to be elected Governor for a second term. Gov. French's latter years were spent in St. Clair County, for a part of the time, being at the head of the law department of McKendree College. He served as delegate in the State Constitutional Convention of 1862, and died in Lebanon, Ill., September 4, 1864. (See sketch in "Historical Encyclopedia" part of this work.)

William H. Sterrett, born in Nova Scotia in 1810 was educated in King's College, Windsor, and later came to the United States, read law at Newark, Ohio, and was admitted to the bar in that State in 1840. In 1845, he came to Crawford County, Ill., and there engaged in practice. In 1852 he was elected to the Eighteenth General Assembly, serving one term, and in 1858 was elected County Judge, when he retired from general practice. Being in declining health, he returned to Nova Scotia, where he died.

George W. Peck was born at Salem, Ind., was educated at Asbury University, Greencastle, and in 1853, when about twenty-one years of age, came to Crawford County, Ill., and engaged in practice. This he continued successfully until 1861, when he enlisted in the Union Army, became Captain of Company I, Twenty-first Illinois Volunteers, later being promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel. His health having failed until he was unfit for service in the field, he was detailed for duty as Provost Marshal at Louisville, Ky., whence he returned to his old home at Salem and there died. He is described as a lawyer of superior ability, a good special pleader and always clear in statement and logical in argument.

James H. Steel was born in Philadelphia, came to Crawford County in boyhood, and after spending his early life on a farm, served for many years as Clerk of the County Court. He was admitted to the bar in 1857, and his wide acquaintance and reputation for integrity and business ability brought him a large practice. He acquired a handsome property, but owing to failing health was compelled to retire, finally dying at his home in Robinson December 2, 1872. Originally a Whig, after the organization of the Republican party he participated actively in all its political campaigns during his life.

Jacob C. Olwin, born in Montgomery County, Ohio, December 6, 1838, graduated from the Union Law School at Cleveland, Ohio, in 1863, and in 1864 opened a law office at Robinson, Ill. He served as a member of the Thirty-second General Assembly, was elected County Judge in 1882, and for four years was Master in Chancery for Crawford County. He died in Robinson June 22, 1887, leaving a high reputation for honor and fair dealing as a lawyer and a citizen.

Franklin H. Robb, one of the most honored members of the bar of Crawford County, was born in Gibson County, Ind., February 15, 1817, graduated from Wabash College, at Crawfordsville, Ind., was admitted to the bar in 1840, and engaged in practice for a time at Princeton, Ind. He then spent three years studying medicine, and after practicing that profession several years returned to the law, to which he devoted the rest of his life. His knowledge of the law was profound, and he was fearless and unshrinking in defense of the conclusions to which his research led him. He served a term of four years as County Judge, and his opinions delivered from the county bench would have done honor in some cases to the supreme bench. He was a member and elder of the Presbyterian Church, and a Republican from the organization of that party until his death in Robinson, Ill., February 10, 1890.

Maj. Guy S. Alexander was born in Crawford County, Ill., December 4, 1847, a son of Dr. John Alexander, a pioneer settler of the county, began the study of law while teaching in the country schools, and was admitted to the bar in 1866. On January 15, 1862, he was mustered into service as Second-Lieutenant of Company F, Sixty-second Illinois Infantry, and mustered out as Major of the regiment, March 6, 1866. On September 3, 1867, he married Miss Rhoda Becker, and the same year opened a law office in Robinson. He served as County Attorney from 1872 to 1876, and in his practice established a reputation as a skillful lawyer and logical reasoner. He died May 28, 1876.

The history of lawyers of Crawford County would be incomplete without mention of Charles C. Fletcher, who came to the county—whence is unknown—in 1863, and died in Robinson September 20, 1873. He was well educated both in law and literature. Of commanding presence, his curled locks, black as the raven's wing, hung over his broad intellectual forehead, and when excited his eyes flashed with a brilliancy that

was startling. His speeches, both at the bar and on the stump, were smooth and eloquent. But "melancholy claimed him for its own," and ere he died reason had fled.

Of the lawyers composing the present bar of Crawford County, Hon. Ethelbert Callahan is the oldest, having been born in Licking County, Ohio, December 17, 1829, his father being of Irish and his mother of English descent, while his grandfather, Rev. George Callahan, was a soldier of the Revolution, and a pioneer Methodist preacher in Ohio. In 1849, Mr. Callahan came to Crawford County, and during the following winter taught a three-months' school at $15 a month, and when paid felt richer than at any time since. He edited the "Wabash Sentinel" in 1853, after which he went to Marshall, Clark County, and there edited the "Telegraph" during the Know-Nothing campaign of that year.

On June 27, 1854, Judge Callahan married Mrs. Mary (Barlow) Jones, and since then has resided in Crawford County. In 1857 he was elected a Justice of the Peace, began reading law, and in 1859 was admitted to the bar, and in 1861 opened an office at the county seat, where he has continued practice ever since. His success as a lawyer has been achieved by devotion to his profession, a thorough knowledge of the law, patient study and mastery of his cases, with a capacity for examining witnesses and a standard of honor and courtesy to friend and foe alike. These qualities were recognized by the conferring upon him, by McKendree College in June, 1898, of the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

Mr. Callahan is entitled to the distinction of having delivered the first speech in his county in behalf of the Republican party, and his sagacity is illustrated by the growing vote of his party since that period, not only in his own county, but throughout the State. The official positions held by him include Representative in the Twenty-ninth, Thirty-seventh, Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth General Assemblies, Presidential Elector in 1880 and 1888, and member of the first State Board of Equalization, was also one of the organizers of the Illinois State Bar Association, and served as its President in 1889. He is a member of the Methodist Church, and in 1874 served as layman delegate of the Southern Illinois Conference to the General Conference in Brooklyn. Mr. Callahan is author of a number of valuable papers, including "The Lawyers of the Bible," which has been extensively quoted. Mr. Callahan is one of the most extensive farmers in Crawford County, his farm on the banks of the Wabash furnishing an example of the best scientific methods of agriculture.

William C. Jones, for twelve years an occupant of the bench for the Second Judicial Circuit, was born in Hutsonville, Crawford County, Ill., July 15, 1848, a son of Caswell Jones, a successful merchant of that locality, who died in March, 1853. In 1855 his mother married Ethelbert Callahan and, in 1861, the family became residents of Robinson. For a time in his boyhood Mr. Jones was an apprentice in the office of the "Robinson Monitor," but in 1863 he became a student in the Ohio Wesleyan University, where he remained three years, and in 1867 began reading law in the office of Callahan & Steel, later taking a course in law lectures in the Michigan University at Ann Arbor, and on May 9, 1868, being admitted to the bar. After a partnership with Mr. Callahan which lasted ten years, in 1876, Mr. Jones was elected Representative in the Twenty-seventh General Assembly, in 1877 was chosen County Judge, a position which he filled two years, when he was elected Judge of the Circuit Court, continuing in office by reelection twelve years. Upon his retirement from the bench in 1891, he entered into partnership with Enoch E. Newlin, then State's Attorney, this relation continuing until Mr. Newlin's advancement to the bench for the Second Judicial Circuit. Other members of the bar with whom at different periods Judge Jones has since been in partnership include Judge J. C. Eagleton, T. J. Newlin, Edward S. Baker, George D. McCarty and William W. Arnold, his last partnership continuing until 1903, when failing eyesight compelled his retirement from active practice, since devoting his attention to financial and real-estate business. In 1897 Judge Jones was appointed by Gov. Tanner Judge of the Court of Claims, in which he served four years. In 1880, in connection with Judge J. O. Cunningham, of Urbana, Judge Jones published a "Treatise on the Jurisdiction and Practice in Country and Probate Courts," of which three editions have been published. He is also the author of a volume on the "Elements and Science of English Versification" and a book of poems entitled "Birch Rod Days." A more detailed sketch of his personal history

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will be found in the biographical department of this volume.

John C. Eagleton, who has served as County Judge of Crawford County, and present attorney of the Illinois Pure Food Commission, was born in Robinson, Ill., April 10, 1866, the son of James M. and Nancy (Baugess) Eagleton, graduated from the Robinson high school, June 3, 1885, then read law in 1889, beginning active practice in September, 1891. Besides the offices already mentioned, Judge Eagleton held the position of of City Clerk of Robinson for one year and City Attorney two terms. In politics he is a Republican. (See sketch in biographical department.)

One of the prominent attorneys of Crawford County of the present is Judge Enoch E. Newlin, who was born of a pioneer family in the county in which he now resides, February 22, 1858, a son of Thomas and Mary Elizabeth (Ruckel) Newlin. His father having died while a soldier in the Union Army in 1862, the son early began working out on a farm, meanwhile attending school in winter until seventeen years of age, when he began teaching, which he continued for eight winter terms. After attending the Indiana State Normal School at Terre Haute one year, in 1880 he began the study of law in the office of Callahan & Jones in Robinson, and was admitted to the bar in 1882; in 1883 was appointed City Attorney for the city of Robinson, and, after serving one year, was elected State's Attorney of Crawford County in 1884 and re-elected without opposition in 1888, declining a reelection four years later. In 1897 he was elected Judge of the Circuit Court for the Second Judicial Circuit, a position which he still holds in 1909 by reelection in 1903. On the bench Judge Newlin has established a high reputation for judicial integrity and sagacity. Judge Newlin married, January 1, 1885, Miss Clara A. Coulter, a niece of the late Judge Jacob Wilkin of the Supreme Court. In politics he is a Democrat. (See sketch in biographical department.)

Hon. Alfred Hanby Jones, present State Pure Food Commissioner, was born on his father's farm in Crawford County, July 4, 1880, a son of John M. and Elizabeth (Ford) Jones, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Kentucky. After receiving his primary training in the public schools, he spent two years in Westfield College, Clark County, Ill., later attending the Normal School at Lebanon, Ohio, from which he graduated in 1870. Then, after spending one year teaching in Kansas, he began the study of law with Callahan & Jones, at Robinson, Ill., and on June 14, 1875, was admitted to the bar, was elected City Attorney of Robinson the same year, and a year later was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of Guy S. Alexander as State's Attorney. Mr. Jones has been a prominent factor in the political circles of Crawford County for years, has served in the Town Council and as member of the Board of Education, for ten years has been a member of the Republican State Central Committee, for some thirty years Chairman of the Crawford County Central Committee, was a Delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1908, in 1886 was elected Representative in the Thirty-fifth General Assembly, and in 1899 received from Gov. Tanner the appointement as the first State Food Commissioner, a position which, by successive appointments, he still occupies. (See sketch in biographical department of this work.)

Presley G. Bradbury, Robinson, Ill., was born on a farm in Crawford County, October 6, 1847, attended the State Normal Schools at Carbondale and at Normal, and served as County Superintendent of Schools for Crawford County from 1873 to 1877. In 1874 he began reading law in the office of Judge Robb, was admitted to the bar in 1876, and entered into partnership with his preceptor, which was dissolved by the death of the latter. From 1876 to 1884 he served as State's Attorney of Crawford County, and on December 31, 1879, was married to Miss Jennie Kelly, of Sullivan, Ind. Mr. Bradbury is still engaged in practice in Robinson as a member of the firm of Bradbury & Kelly.

Ausby L. Lowe, member of a pioneer family of Crawford County who came from Virginia at an early date, was born at Hutsonville, Crawford County, November 18, 1857, graduated at Earlham College, Richmond, Ind., and after spending some time as deputy in the office of Circuit Clerk and ex-officio County Recorder, accepted an invitation to take a place in the office of Callahan & Jones, with a view to future association with the firm. He was finally admitted to the bar and the firm of Callahan, Jones & Lowe was organized. Mr. Lowe is still engaged in practice as a member of the original firm and has established a high reputation as a legal adviser, especially upon matters in connection with real-estate.

George N. Parker, still an active attorney-at-law and member of the firm of Parker & Crowley,

was born in Crawford County, April 9, 1843, was educated at the Union Christian College, at Merom, Ind., and after teaching school for several years, was elected Superintendent of Schools, serving for one term, during which he read law in the office of C. C. Fletcher, then attended the law department of Michigan University, and was admitted to the bar in 1870. On May 5, 1870, Mr. Parker was married to Miss Julia Crowley, and is still carrying on a successful practice.

Hon. Joseph B. Crowley, ex-member of Congress, was born in Coshocton County, Ohio, in 1858, came with his parents to Jasper County, Ill., in boyhood, and in 1872 accompanied them to Robinson, Ill. His boyhood was spent chiefly on a farm, serving for a time as mail-carrier between Robinson and Lancaster, Wabash County. After prosecuting his studies under difficulties, in 1883 he was admitted to the bar, and entering into partnership with George N. Parker, began practice of his profession. In 1886 he was elected County Judge, was reelected in 1890, and in 1893 was appointed by President Cleveland Special Treasury Agent in charge of the Alaska seal-fisheries. He has served as Master in Chancery, and in 1900 was elected Representative in Congress from the Nineteenth District, serving one term. (See sketch in biographical department.)

George W. Jones, present member of the Crawford County bar, was born in that county October 28, 1858, grew up on a farm and was educated in the public schools. From 1886 to 1890 he served as Sheriff of Crawford County, and at the close of his term entered the office of Jones & Newlin as student at law, was admitted to the bar in 1892, and has since been engaged in practice in Robinson. Mr. Jones has been twice married, first to Euphemia Bales on November 3, 1878, and second to Christine Kern on July 12, 1895. He is a Methodist in religious belief and an active worker in the Democratic party.

John C. Maxwell, born in Blount County, Tenn., September 26, 1847, came to Crawford County in 1848, was educated in the public schools, and after graduating at the National Normal School at Lebanon, Ohio, in 1872, read law in the office of Callahan & Jones, and was admitted to the bar in 1875, engaging in practice at Robinson. Mr. Maxwell is a Republican in politics and is now serving as County Judge of Crawford County.

Hampton S. Bogard, one of the younger members of the Crawford County bar was born in Sainte Marie, Ill., August 22, 1863, grew up on his father's farm, and until twenty years of age attended the common schools. After spending one year (1883-84) at the Union Christian College, Merom, Ind., he engaged in teaching for some years, meanwhile studying law in the office of Parker & Crowley, then took a course in the law department of the Northern Indiana Normal School at Valparaiso, from which he graduated in 1887, was admitted to the bar and began practice in the city of Robinson; was elected State's Attorney of Crawford County in 1896.

George E. McQueen, born in Bartholomew, County, Ind., March 19, 1858, was admitted to the bar in 1886, and has since been engaged in practice in the city of Robinson.

Valmore Parker, a native of Crawford County, born December 29, 1861, graduated from the Normal School at Danville, Ind., read law in the office of George N. Parker, was admitted to the bar in 1887, and has since been engaged in practice in Robinson. He is a Democrat in politics, and from 1890 to 1896 served as Superintendent of Schools in Crawford County.

Fernando W. Lewis was born in Lewiston, Ohio, April 8, 1864, came with the family of his father, George W. Lewis, to Crawford County, Ill., in 1870, graduated from the Robinson High School, studied law with Robb & Bradbury, was admitted to the bar in 1886, and served as State's Attorney from 1892 to 1896. In September, 1902, he purchased the "Robinson Constitution," of which he has been editor to the present time. (See sketch in biographical department.)

Joseph A. McHatton, born in Marion, Ind., May 27, 1860, was brought to Crawford County when one year old and spent his boyhood on a farm until nineteen, meanwhile attending the common schools; taught school until 1892, when he was admitted to the bar, and the following year entered into partnership with P. G. Bradbury.

Thomas J. Newlin, born in Crawford County, Ill., April 2, 1863, studied law with his brother, E. E. Newlin, and was admitted to the bar August 28, 1891; in 1892 was elected Clerk of the Crawford County Circuit Court, serving a term of four years, when he resumed practice, later becoming a member of the firm of Jones, Eagleton & Newlin. He is now a partner of Valmore Parker, forming the firm of Parker & Newlin. In 1897 he was appointed Master in Chancery.

Edward S. Baker, one of the youngest members of the Crawford County bar, was born in

Fountain County, Ind., December 25, 1872, a son of Allen T. and Melvina (McMaster) Baker, attended the common and high schools of Robinson, graduating from the latter in 1894, then began the study of law in the office of Callahan, Jones & Lowe, and in October, 1897, was admitted to the bar, beginning practice the following year as junior member of the firm of Jones, Eagleton & Baker, which later, by the retirement of Mr. Jones, became Eagleton & Baker. He served for a time as Deputy Circuit Clerk and for two years was City Attorney of Robinson. On February 20, 1907, he was appointed by President Roosevelt Postmaster of the city of Robinson, a position he still occupies.

William A. Thompson, one of the later generation of lawyers, and present Prosecuting Attorney of Crawford County, was born in that county, May 29, 1870, a son of Joseph and Nancy Ann (Maxwell) Thompson, was educated in the public schools and engaged in teaching 1890-99, meanwhile studying law with P. G. Bradbury and Valmore Parker, and being admitted to the bar in 1896. In 1901 he was elected Justice of the Peace in Robinson Township and 1904 Prosecuting Attorney for Crawford County, a position which he retained until 1908. (For a more extended sketch of Mr. Thompson see biographical department of this work.)

Edward Ellsworth Stiles, born in Hutsonville, Crawford County, February 9, 1873, received his education in the grammar and high schools of Robinson, and after being engaged in teaching for six years, about 1905 began the study of law with Jones, Eagleton & Newlin, and was admitted to the bar in 1899, during the following year opening an office in Robinson. He is a Democrat in politics and has served two terms as Police Magistrate of Robinson, but has turned his attention largely to real-estate business, giving especial attention to oil lands. (See sketch in biographical department of this volume.)

CHAPTER V.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

EARLY HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES—TARDY DEVELOPMENT OF RAILWAYS—RAILROADS PROJECTED IN CRAWFORD COUNTY—TWO PRINCIPAL LINES—AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT—EARLY WATERWAY TRANSPORTATION—HAVOC WROUGHT BY WABASH RIVER FLOODS—PIONEER FARMING METHODS—EARLY COTTON RAISING—CRAWFORD COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY AND FIRST OFFICERS—CLIMATE AND FRUIT GROWING.

The pioneer settlers of Crawford County early turned their attention to providing suitable ways of conveyance and travel, the first emigrant wagons finding no open paths but Indian trails. The laying out of two roads was ordered by the first county court, both leading from Edward N. Cullom's house, one to Jones' ferry and the other, to the head of Walnut Prairie. These were followed, in 1823, by a highway, established under legislative enactment from Palestine to Vandalia. The court records not long after this period show a small appropriation for securing a whipsaw for sawing lumber to construct a bridge, near Palestine, over Lamotte Creek. This bridge was built in rude style, and together with the roads above mentioned, constituted the first improvements of the kind in Crawford County.

This section was very slow to take an active interest in railroad construction, and it was not until early in the 'seventies that any important action was taken for the promotion of railway facilities within the county limits. Among the railroad projects which have since claimed attention are the "Wabash Valley" line, "Chicago, Danville & Vincennes," "Paris & Danville," "Terre Haute & Southwestern," "Pana & Vincennes," "Cincinnati & St. Louis Straight Line," "Tuscola & Vincennes," "Indiana & Illinois Commercial," and "East & West Narrow-Gauge." Many of these schemes were abandoned and the routes of others diverted from those originally contemplated. The first road completed through Crawford County was the "Paris & Danville," which was finished to Robinson in August, 1875, connection being made during the fall of that year with the "Ohio & Mississippi" at Lawrenceville. The Crawford County portion of the "Paris & Danville" (now a part of the "Big Four") was constructed on the old grade of the "Wabash Valley Railroad" until it reached a little beyond Hutsonville, when it veered westward to enter Robinson. After August, 1875, it was operated by a receiver until June, 1879, and, in October of that year, passed into the control of the "Danville & Southwestern," becoming a

part of the Wabash System in September, 1881.

An early railroad enterprise in Crawford County, which had its inception in the 'sixties, was organized as the "Indiana & Illinois Commercial Railroad," which was projected from Worthington, Ind., to Vandalia, Ill. In the fall of 1869 the county voted a subscription of $100,000 to this line, and a new corporation was formed to construct it under the title of the St. Louis & Cincinnati Railroad Company, to which the townships of Oblong, Robinson and Lamotte, by popular vote, made subscriptions of $20,000 each. After various changes the east and west line was completed through Crawford County as the Springfield, Effingham & Southeastern Narrow-Gauge Railroad, and put in operation in the middle of 1880. This road has been developed into a standard-gauge, and is now a part of the Illinois Central. The destruction, by flood, of its bridge over the Wabash in January, 1882, crippled the road for some time, necessitating the transfer of passengers and freight by boat to the Indiana division.

AGRICULTURE.—In the early half of the nineteenth century much of the agricultural and other products of Crawford County found its way to market by way of the Wabash River, and flatboats carrying pork, grain and various articles of commerce, were commonly seen plying on that stream towards the Ohio and Mississippi, their destination being New Orleans, then the most profitable marketing place for this region. In time of high water, steamboats of considerable size also came up the Wabash to take cargos of farm produce destined for the gulf port, as well as for Cincinnati and Louisville. While the "Wabash River" was quite an artery of trade for the farmers and merchants convenient to its course, the seasons of its flooding were extremely destructive, sometimes sweeping away, in a single day, the results of many years of toil. During the summer seasons of 1875 and 1876, especially, the overflow covered all the lowlands along the river, causing loss amounting to a large sum, and nearly ruining scores of farmers in the bottoms. The construction of levees was attempted, but proved of little avail. Farming being the chief source of livelihood for a large portion of the people along the river, these periodical losses were a severe blow to this section of the county.

As a matter of course, the pioneer farmers of Crawford County had to depend on few and crude implements in the prosecution of their labors. The primitive "bar-share" plow, with its long beam and wooden mold board, and the axes and hoes made at the blacksmith shop, were the main reliance, but the Wabash valley soil was fertile, responding readily to cultivation and repaying the farmer with abundant crops.

In 1815, laboring under all the disadvantages of pioneer conditions, Edward N. Cullom planted ninety acres of sod corn, and, out of the large yield therefrom, shipped a flatboat cargo to New Orleans, containing enough to meet his needs until the next harvest. A patch of potatoes, corn, beans and ordinary vegetables, was the limit of the first season's crop by the early settler. Occasionally some crops of flax and tobacco were planted and for some years many pioneers raised small crops of cotton, although the shortness of the seasons finally compelled the abandonment of cotton culture in this region. From small beginnings agricultural interests slowly developed into large proportions, which was much facilitated by the formation of agricultural societies and the holding of county fairs, marking an era of improvement. In 1856 was organized the first agricultural society of Crawford County, grounds being bought and improved for such use in the edge of Robinson. These grounds were sold in 1870 for $500, when the association purchased at $30 per acre a 20-acre tract a mile west of the town, on which all the necessary accommodations were provided, including convenient buildings, stalls, trees and wells. In 1871 the society was incorporated as the Crawford County Agricultural Board. The officers of the organization for 1872 were as follows: President—Hickman Henderson; Vice-Presidents—A. J. Reavill, R. R. Lincoln and William Updyke; Recording Secretary—Guy S. Alexander; Corresponding Secretary—William C. Wilson; and Treasurer—William Parker.

CLIMATE—FRUIT CULTURE.—The climate of Crawford County is better adapted to fruit culture than that farther north, although subject to fluctuations of temperature making the hardy apple the most common and dependable fruit. The county has a greater number of apple orchards than of all other kinds of fruit combined. The first fruit trees grew from sprouts brought by the early settlers, the first apple sprouts having been planted in what is now Lawrence Township by a Mr. Howard.

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CHAPTER VI.

OFFICIAL AND POLITICAL.

FIRST BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS—CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION—COUNTY OFFICERS—FIRST CIRCUIT AND COUNTY CLERKS—SHERIFFS, COUNTY TREASURERS AND SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS—GENERAL ASSEMBLY—SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM ORGANIZATION OF THE COUNTY TO THE PRESENT TIME—COMPLETE LIST OF CONGRESSMEN WHO HAVE REPRESENTED CRAWFORD COUNTY—DELEGATES TO STATE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTIONS—OTHERS WHO HAVE FILLED IMPORTANT POSITIONS IN OFFICIAL HISTORY.

Edward N. Cullom, John Dunlap and Isaac Moore, the first County Commissioners or Justices of the Peace in Crawford County, were installed February 26, 1817. In the following year this body numbered twelve, namely: E. N. Cullom, Samuel Harris, George W. Kincaid, James Shaw, Smith Shaw. Joseph Kitchell, S. B. A. Carter, Chester Fitch, William Locklard, David Porter, David McGahey and Thomas Anderson. In 1819 the number was reduced to three—E. N. Cullom, Wickliffe Kitchell and William Barbee. Those who held office under this arrangement previous to 1830, with dates of election, were: David Stewart, Aaron Ball and Henry M. Gilham, 1820 (E. N. Cullom succeeding Gilham in 1821); Daniel Funk, Enoch Wilhite and Zephaniah Lewis, 1822; Funk, Wilhite and John Lockrider, 1823; Funk, Lockrider and William Highsmith, 1824; Funk, Daniel Boatright and Bottsford Comstock, 1826; Highsmith, William Magill and Doctor Hill, 1828. In 1849 the form of government underwent a change by the adoption of the Constitution of 1848, the board then being composed of a County Judge and two Associate Judges, and J. B. Trimble became the first County Judge, with Isaac Wilkin and John B. Harper as associates.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

Circuit and County Clerks.—Up to 1835, Edward H. Piper acted in the double capacity of Circuit and County Clerk. From that time until 1837, D. W. Stark and A. G. Lagow held these positions, respectively, and from 1838 to 1848, W. B. Baker held both offices. In the latter year James H. Steel became County Clerk and C. M. Hamilton Circuit Clerk. The first successor of the latter was William Cox, elected in 1849, while John T. Cox succeeded James H. Steel as County Clerk in 1857.

Sheriffs.—The office of Sheriff was first filled by John H. Woodworth, his early successors being John Houston, in 1823; Joel Phelps, in 1826; A. M. Houston, in 1827, and E. W. Kellogg, in 1829.

County Treasurers.—Thomas Kennedy was the first County Treasurer, elected in 1824, he being succeeded in 1826 by John Malcom. Charles Kitchell was elected in 1833.

County Surveyor. — Coroner. — The first County Surveyor was John Dunlap, and the first Coroner, Allen McGahey, the latter being followed, in 1820, by Jonathan Wood.

School Commissioners.—In accordance with an act of the Legislature in 1819, R. C. Ford was made School Commissioner of the county, Thomas Kennedy succeeding him in 1832.

MEMBERS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Senators.—Joseph Kitchell was the first State Senator from Crawford County, serving in the First and Second General Assemblies, 1818-22. Others who served successively as State Senators from Crawford, previous to the adoption of the Constitution of 1848, were: Daniel Parker, 1822-26; William B. Archer, 1826-28; Wickliffe Kitchell, 1828-32; David McGahey, 1832-36; Nathaniel Parker, 1836-38; Abner Greer, 1838-40; John Houston, 1840-44; Samuel Dunlap, 1844-48; Uri Manley, 1848-50. Under the Constitution of 1848 Crawford County became a part of the Ninth Senatorial District with Clark and Edgar Counties, and under the first apportionment was represented in the Senate by Josiah R. Wynn, 1850-54. By a new apportionment in 1854 it was attached to Clark, Fayette, Effingham, Jasper and Lawrence Counties, constituting the Nineteenth Senatorial District, and was represented by Mortimer O'Kean, 1854-60; Presley Funkhouser, 1860-62. By apportionment of 1861 it became a part of the Eighth District and was represented by Samuel Moffat, 1862-64; Andrew J. Hunter, 1864-68; Edwin Harlan, 1868-70, and by Harlan and Robert M. Bishop, 1870-72. By the apportionment in 1872, under the Constitution of 1870, making

the Senatorial and Representative Districts identical, with one Senator and three Representatives from each, Crawford County became a part of the Forty-fifth District, which was continued by the apportionments of 1882 and 1893, and it was represented as follows: William J. Crews, 1872-74; C. V. Smith, 1874-78; William C. Wilson, 1878-82; William H. McNary, 1882-86; Andrew J. Reavill, 1886-94; Hiram H. Kingsbury, 1894-98; Charles A. Davidson, 1898-1902. By the last apportionment in 1901, Crawford County was attached to the Forty-eighth District, and has been represented in the Senate by H. R. Fowler, 1902-04; and Jesse E. Bartley, 1904-08.

REPRESENTATIVES.—The first Representative in the State Legislature from Crawford County was David Porter, who served one term, 1818-20. His successors previous to the adoption of the Constitution of 1848 were: Wickliffe Kitchell, 1820-22; R. C. Ford, 1822-24; David McGahey, 1824-26; John C. Alexander, 1826-32; William Highsmith, 1832-34; James D. McGahey, died in office and was succeeded by David Porter, 1834-36; Wilson Lagow, 1836-38; Harmon Alexander, 1838-40; Wm. Wilson, 1840-44; R. G. Morris, 1844-46; M. Boyle, 1846-48. In accordance with the first apportionment under the Constitution of 1848, Crawford County became a part of the Tenth Representative District, and was represented by James C. Allen, 1850-52; and William H. Sterrett, 1852-54. In 1854 it became a part of the Seventeenth District, its Representatives being, Randolph Heath, 1854-56; Isaac Wilkins, 1856-58; H. C. McCleave, 1858-60; Aaron Shaw, 1860-62. A new apportionment in 1861 placed the county in the Eleventh District, and its Representatives were: David W. Odell, 1862-64; Thomas Cooper, 1864-66; David W. Odell, 1866-68; Joseph Cooper, 1868-70. By the first apportionment made by the Governor and Secretary of State under the Constitution of 1870, the county became the Thirty-first District, and it was represented by William C. Jones, 1870-72. By successive apportionments made by act of the Legislature in 1872, 1882 and 1893, it was asigned to the Forty-fifth District and in 1901 to the Forty-eighth with Representatives as follows: Harmon Alexander, L. Flanders, Thomas J. Golden, 1872-74; Ethelbert Callahan, J. H. Halley, J. W. Briscoe, 1874-76; A. J. Reavill, J. H. Halley, William Lindsey, 1876-78; A. J. Reavill, J. H. Halley, William Lindsey, 1876-78; A. J. Reavill, J. W. Graham, J. W. Johnson, 1878-80; J. C. Olwin, J. C. Bryan, W. H. H. Mieurs, 1880-82; William Updike, J. M. Honey, Grandison Clark, 1882-84; John M. Highsmith, I. M. Shup, David Trexler, 1884-86; Alfred H. Jones, Charles A. Purdunn, James Larabee, 1886-88; Walter Cole, William G. Williams, William G. Delashmutt, 1888-90; Ethelbert Callahan, L. Kelley, J. P. Warren, 1892-94; E. Callahan, J. E. Black, Thomas Tippit, 1894-96; William Hart, W. H. Lathrop, Duane Gaines, 1896-98; James H. Wood, Thomas Tippit, Carl Busse, 1898-1900; P. W. Barnes, Thomas Tippit, Carl Busse, 1900-02; John W. Leaverton, Mahlon H. Mundy, Carl Busse, 1902-04; David E. Rose, M. H. Mundy, Bruce A. Campbell, 1904-1906; C. H. Musgrave, D. E. Rose, E. M. Young, 1906-08.

CONGRESSMEN.

From 1818 to 1833 the State of Illinois was entitled to only one member of Congress, the Representatives during that period being John McLean, 1818-19; Daniel P. Cook, 1819-27; Joseph Duncan, 1827-33. Later Crawford County became successively part of different Districts, as follows: 1833, of Second District; 1843-55, Third District; 1852-61, Seventh District; 1861-72, Eleventh District; 1872-82, Fifteenth District; 1882-93, Sixteenth District; 1893-1901, Nineteenth District; 1901 to date, Twenty-third District. The Representatives in Congress during this period (1833-1908) from the Districts of which Crawford County formed a part, have been as follows: 1833-43, Zadok Casey; 1843-49, Orlando B. Ficklin; 1849-51, Timothy R. Young; 1851-53, Orlando B. Ficklin; 1853-57, Joseph C. Allen; 1857-59, Aaron Shaw; 1859-65, James C. Robinson; 1865-73, S. S. Marshall; 1873-79, John R. Eden; 1879-81, A. P. Forsythe; 1881-83, Samuel W. Moulton; 1883-85, Aaron Shaw; 1885-89, Silas Z. Landis; 1889-93, George W. Fithian; 1893-95, James R. Williams; 1895-97, Benson Wood; 1897-99, Andrew J. Hunter; 1899-1905, Joseph R. Crowley; 1905-07, Frank L. Dickson; 1907-09, Martin D. Foster.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTIONS. — A Constitutional Convention convened at Kaskaskia, August 3, 1818, for the purpose of framing the first Constitution for the State of Illinois. Joseph Kitchell and Edward N. Cullom being members from Crawford County. In the next convention—that of 1847-48—the county was represented by Nelson Hawley; in that of 1862, by H. Alexander; and in 1869-70, by James C. Allen.

Other public service has been rendered by Crawford County men, as follows: Augustus C. French, Governor, 1846-53; Wickliffe Kitchell, Attorney-General, 1839-40; James C. Allen, Representative in Congress, 1853-57 and 1863-65; James C. Allen, Circuit Judge in 1873-79; William C. Jones, Circuit Judge from 1879-91; Alfred H. Jones, of Robinson, has held the position of State Food Commissioner from 1901 to the present time.

CHAPTER VII.

TOWNSHIP HISTORY.

INDIVIDUAL HISTORY OF CRAWFORD COUNTY TOWNSHIPS—DATE OF ORGANIZATION AND FIRST SETTLERS—EARLY CONDITIONS AND INCIDENTS OF LOCAL HISTORY—MURDER OF THE HUTSON FAMILY BY INDIANS—PIONEER FARMING METHODS—WOLVES AND GAME.

As the population of Crawford County increased precincts were created, which were subdivided from time to time until, in 1818, nine townships were organized, of the early history of which, with the names of first settlers, etc., some record will be found under separate headings in the following pages:

ROBINSON TOWNSHIP.

Under the first partition what is now Robinson Township constituted the central portion of Lamotte Precinct, the name being changed when the county-seat was removed from Palestine to Robinson, which took its name from J. M. Robinson, a prominent lawyer of Carmi, White County. The new township was made up of 56 sections, of which 36 were part of T. 7 N., R. 12 W.; 18 sections in T. 6 N., R. 12 W.; three sections of T. 6 N., R. 13 W; and five sections of T. 7 N., R. 13 W. Sugar Creek, with two small affluents, Honey Creek and an arm of Big Creek, furnished the natural drainage of the township, and the surface of the county was originally partly "barrens" and partly "true prairie," with evidence of devastation from sweeping fires. The first entries of land in Section 9, T. 7 N., R. 12 W., was made in 1817, by Jesse Page and Harmon Gregg. Others who came during the same year were W. T. Barry, Wilson Lagow, William Barbee, John Mars and William Mitchell. In 1818 there came to the same township James Newlin, John Hill, Thomas Young, Nathan Mars, Thomas Newlin, Joshua Barbee, William Dunlap, William Everman, James J. Nelson, Armstead Bennett, and William Nelson. In T. 6 N., R. 12, during the same year, land was entered by Charles Dawson and Richard Easton, and in 1819, by John and Jonathan Wood.

Others who made entries in 1818 were Ithra Brashears, Lewis Little and Barnett Starr. Some of these tracts were taken up for speculation, and other pre-emptors left after temporary sojourn, without securing titles, so that the above mentioned entries are not conclusive as to those permanently settling in Robinson Township in 1817-18. The Newlin family was one of the best known of the early settlers. Nathaniel, John and Eli, brothers, with their father, John Newlin, Sr., came from North Carolina, locating in Indiana, whence they moved to Crawford County, establishing themselves on Section 10, T. 7 N., R. 12 W. It is probable that William Mitchell, an Englishman, was the first permanent settler of Robinson Township, his arrival occurring in 1817, and his subsequent life being spent there. From 1820, the year in which Enoch Wilhoit, another permanent settler, came from Kentucky, to 1830, there was little increase in the number of settlers. Occasionally a home-seeker would come from some quarter, put up a log cabin, raise one crop and then depart, leaving an empty dwelling for the temporary shelter of another hardy pioneer. Among those utilizing abandoned dwellings in this way was John Nichols, who came from Virginia in 1830, and occupied land which remained in the possession of his family for half a century. John Cable and John Givin, well known farmers, located near the village of Robinson about this period, and F. M. Brown, who arrived in 1832, was one of those who moved into a deserted cabin in that locality.

In 1833 arrived John Blankenship, a soldier of the War of 1812, and the cabin built by him was the first dwelling place on the site of the present town of Robinson. From this time until 1850 there were few "newcomers," but within a

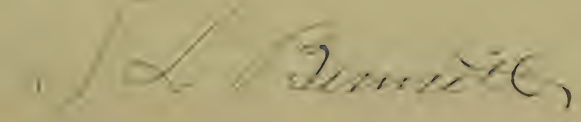
year or two after the latter date, the last of the public lands in the vicinity were taken up. The first settlers followed closely the termination of Indian hostilities, finding the redskins still camping in their accustomed haunts. At that day an Indian trail, well trodden, ran from Vincennes to Vandalia, through Palestine. The wagons conveying the families of the pioneers carried but scanty household effects, usually a couple of chairs, some bedding and provisions and a few tools. In the case of the Newlins, the household furniture consisted of three chairs, fastened to the feed-box of the wagon, and one of the first acts of Thomas Newlin, after placing the family under shelter, was to drive to Vincennes and buy a barrel of salt, costing $18, a cow and a calf, and certain implements for blacksmithing.

The ground was mostly covered with brush, making careful grubbing necessary to prepare for the plow. The Cary plow, the first in use in this region, was a crude implement of wood and iron, having a mold-board of hewed maple or beach, and a paddle was needed to clean it after a few rods of furrowing. In some instances the first corn was planted by cutting through the sod with an ax. Thomas Newlin being a blacksmith, his forge was a great convenience to the pioneer farmers who came to him for miles around for tools, kitchen utensils, etc., and the making and sharpening of plows.

At this period wild deer were abundant, from 50 to 75 being often seen in one herd. At the outset they were killed by scores, and the venison thus supplied formed a very important item in the family support, while the proceeds derived from the sale of hides often furnished the means of paying taxes. Bears were also occasionally seen, wolves, panthers and wild cats were numerous, the wolves causing much trouble by preying upon the young stock, such as pigs, lambs, calves and heifers. Many of the farmers bought sheep from a drove driven to Palestine at an early period, and, in order to keep up the supply of wool for family needs, dogs were trained to guard the sheep fold from the ravages of wolves. Bees were very abundant, bee-hunting was a common occupation, and beeswax and honey constituted a staple article of trade. Hollow trees were often found containing fifteen gallons of honey.

The Indians who lingered in this region, and who were mostly of Delaware and Kickapoo tribes, were generally on friendly terms with the whites. They lived in canvas wigwams, and traded game, dressed buckskins and furs for pork, bread, corn, etc. They seldom committed any robbery and whatever they purloined was something to satisfy their appetites for food or drink, when they had vainly sought to obtain the same articles by begging.

At this time corn was the main crop raised by the early settlers, and Vincennes, about thirty miles distant, was the only place to exchange it for certain provisions and articles of wear. At Shakerville, twenty miles away, was the nearest grist-mill, another being afterwards built in what is now Lawrence County on the Embarras River, about the same distance from Robinson. In quite a number of the rude log dwellings were mortars for making hominy. These consisted of a block of wood, in the center of which a hollow had been burned or dug out, and over it a "sweep" hung, holding a heavy iron-faced pestle for pounding the corn. The first regular hand-mill was made by Jesse Page, which later was followed by a horse mill with a single gearing, constructed by William Barbee, in the center of the present township of Robinson. It was a boon to the pioneer residents and a profitable venture for Mr. Barbee. Some years later, when wheat constituted one of the ordinary crops, it was taken to the Shaker mill, or that owned by a Mr. Hollenbeck in York Township, which, however, did not screen the grain nor bolt the flour. Vats were sunk at a later period by Barbee for tanning hides, and Brown & Nichols also invented a sort of ooze, which was used by them a number of years, for tanning purposes. Barbee & Jolley built the first saw-mill in the township in 1849. Money was scarce, almost unknown, throughout the region, and all produce was disposed of by exchange. Every piece of coin was hoarded to make land payments, and the Crawford County taxes, amounting at an early period to about $60, were mostly met with coon-skins and wolf-scalps. The farmers drove their cattle and hogs at the outset to Lawrenceville, and later, to Hutsonville and Palestine, whence they were mostly shipped to New Orleans. Some corn was hauled to Chicago, and much beeswax, honey, tallow and fruit, the wagons returning with loads of salt. Cattle were sent at times to the Chicago market. When sold on the farms the prices were very low, a steer in fine condition bringing only about $7, and a



cow and a calf from $5 to $6. As a matter of course, the family clothing was home-made, the women wearing "linsey woolsey," while the men wore jeans faced with buckskin.

LAMOTTE TOWNSHIP.

Lamotte Township is bounded on the north by Hutsonville Township, northeast and east by the Wabash River, south by Montgomery Township and west by Robinson Township. Lamotte Creek, flowing southeasterly into the Wabash near Palestine Landing, furnishes the main drainage. Back from the river the surface of the township is flat or slightly rolling. Within its borders were built the dwellings of the county's first settlers, and were instituted the first court and Government Land Office in this part of Illinois. At a period when the redskins outnumbered the whites the earliest forts and stockades of the county were built here, around which cluster the memories of tragic events. Originally the entire area was covered with a growth of walnut, oak, hickory, buckeye, cottonwood, pecan, hackberry, sycamore and other forest trees. From east to west it was traversed in its subsequent development by the St. Louis, Indianapolis & Eastern Railroad, originally built as a narrow-guage, but later enlarged and now a part of the Illinois Central.

The first white families known to have lived in Lamotte Township located there shortly before the War of 1812, and on the outbreak of that conflict gathered together on the present site of Palestine, building a blockhouse for defence against the Indians. Of these, the largest, and, perhaps, most prominent, was the family of William Lamotte, who came from the South about the year 1808, with his sons, John, Job, Benjamin, Joseph, William and others. Some of the Eatons were killed by the savages and the remainder moved to different points after the war. Other pioneers whose names have been handed down were: Thomas Kennedy, Jesse Higgins, John Garrard, the Woods (John, Joseph and Welton), David Reavill, the McCalls, the Millses, David McGahey, the Brimberrys, J. Purcell, Mrs. Gaddis Smith and James Shaw, J. Veach, George Bathe, John S. Woodworth, Thomas Gill, Edward N. Cullom, Joseph Kitchell, William Wilson, James H. Wilson, Wickliffe Kitchell, Col. John Houston and his brother Alexander M., John C. and Harmon Alexander. Many others equally conspicuous in the early history of the county, settled in Lamotte Township between 1818 and 1830, but limited space forbids the mention of any but the first comers.

HUTSONVILLE TOWNSHIP.

This township, one of the most productive farming divisions of Crawford County, lies along its eastern boundary of the county, with Clark County on the north, Lamotte and Robinson Townships on the south, the Wabash River on the east, and Licking Township to the west. The Wabash furnishes its drainage, mainly through Raccoon and Hutson Creeks, and a portion of its area is liable to periodical overflows. Back from the Wabash the surface is somewhat undulating, varied by stretches of open prairie and patches of timber. Black walnut, oak, sugar maple, white walnut, elm, cottonwood, sycamore, buckeye, hackberry, pecan, hickory, etc., constituted the original timber growth. Its industries are mostly agricultural, and some of the farms are quite extensive, the only detriment to profitable soil-tilling being from the hazard of inundation in the depressed areas within its borders. The first white settlers in what is now Hutsonville Township, of which there is any reliable record, were the members of the Hutson family, all of whom, except its head, were massacred by the Indians during the War of 1812. The mother and four children fell victims to a savage onslaught on their log cabin outside of the fort, during the absence of the father, who was afterwards killed in a skirmish with another band of redskins. Hutson had refused to remove his family to the stockade where most of the pioneers had taken refuge.

The Eaton and Barlow families were conspicuous in the pioneer days of this township, John Eaton having been one of the inmates of the fort. The Barlow brothers, John W., Joel and Jesse, came from Kentucky in 1816, the first named locating on the spot where the Hutson family was killed. The Indians had burned the Hutson cabin, but had left the stable standing, which furnished shelter for the Barlows and was the birthplace of one of their children, Henry M., the first white child born in the township. With the Barlows came John Neeley and Joseph Bogard, and in 1818 followed Charles and John Newlin, John Hill and the Sackrider family—Sackrider having been a captain in the War of 1812, and one of Commodore Perry's command on Lake Erie. Eli Hand, Thomas

Lindley, Malin Voorhees and Aaron Bell were among the notable arrivals between 1818 and 1821, the first two coming from New Jersey and the last from Virginia, making the journey in a three-horse wagon. In 1826 came Nathan Musgrave, a North Carolina Quaker, together with Mrs. Zylpha Cox, a widow, and her son William, John R. Hurst, Benjamin Dunn, A. B. Raines, Joseph Green and James Boswell. William Cox was the first man to open a store in Hutsonville. John R. Hurst and his faithful wife continued to live until sometime in the '80s. The Gyers, a Quaker family from North Carolina, settled near what is now Hutsonville about the year 1826, the father, Aaron Gyer, dying in 1840, and another early settler was Bryant Cox, who arrived from the same State on June 1, 1831. All were men of sturdy habits and resolute character, anl lived arduous lives, confronting the perils of the wilderness, which abounded in wild beasts, clearing spaces for habitations and tillage and, in course of time, the children recited their lessons to the subscription teacher.

LICKING TOWNSHIP.

In the northwest corner of Crawford County, extending eight miles north and south and seven miles from east to west, is situated Licking Township, its surface being for the most part rolling prairie, with a soil well adapted to tillage. It contains fifty-six square miles of territory, the greater part of which is along the water course. Its timber includes the same varieties noted in the townships already described, together with some ash, locust, persimmon and sassafras, and the under-brush is mainly wild plum, grape, sumac, hazel, paw-paw, spice-bush and dogwood. Muddy Creek runs southwesterly through the northern portion of the township and is fed by Maple's Branch and Willow Creek, into which flow two small streams. As far back as 1820, there were some squatters on public land in the southern part of the township, but they did not long remain. Among these was John Miller, who came from Philadelphia, located near the southern border of the township and led a hunter's life until he left for California in 1824. Returning several years later, he entered up a tract of land, on which he raised hogs until his death in the early '60s. About 1823 William Johnson drove from Indiana with an ox-cart and lived in the township a few years, devoting his time to hunting. In 1826 John Howard brought his family in a wagon from Kentucky, and after living a while near Palestine, moved to Licking Township, where he took a prominent part in local affairs until his death in 1849. Emsley Curtis and James Cox came from North Carolina and Indiana, respectively, in 1836, and making their homes near the center of the township, followed hunting and trapping. Cox disappeared, with a cloud on his reputation, in 1843. Among other arrivals in 1836 were William Maples, who settled in the northern portion of the township; William Cooley, of North Carolina, who located where Portersville now stands, and William Goodwin, formerly of Indiana, who made his home near Hart's Grove, which was named after John Hart, who arrived from Kentucky somewhat later. He was a Virginian by birth and a successful farmer, both in Kentucky and Illinois, and his son, who finally settled on Willow Creek, was a prominent resident of the township for many years.

In 1837 the population of the Licking settlement was increased by the addition of "Rick" Arnold, Sargent Hill, James Hollowell, William Dicks and John Tate. Hill, a North Carolinian and a leading citizen, entered land in Section 25, Tate, in Section 34, and Dicks, in Section 11, where he took a conspicuous part in local affairs, dying in 1857. James Hollowell, a Virginian, and one of the most energetic and respected of the pioneer settlers, made a home for his family in Section 11, and the fine farm which he developed from a wild condition was inherited by his son Silas, equally worthy and a long time resident of the township. "Rick" Arnold, a man of superior intelligence, who first located in the central portion and afterwards moved to the southeastern part of the township, was twice elected Sheriff of Crawford County, his first term beginning in 1838. An old bachelor named Landern joined the Licking community about the same time, and raised large numbers of hogs in the woods of the northern portion of the township, making and hoarding considerable profits. In 1840 he sold the last of his swine and started for New Orleans on a flatboat, after which no tidings of him were ever heard.

Among the early settlers of the western part of Licking Township were John White, Jackson James, James Metheney, Tobias Livingston, Mortimer Parsons and Elijah Clark. John White,

who first lived near Palestine, fought in the Indian battle there, his body being pierced by an arrow. Although left in the field as dead, he recovered and made his home near Bellaire until 1849, when his death took place. Other residents of the township previous to 1840 were Henry Kerby and Thomas Boring, in Section 3; Daniel Coate, Ezekiel Rubottom and James Dixon, in Section 2; B. Clark, William B. Newlin and Jacob Mullin, in Section 25; James Boyd and R. G. Morris, in Section 1; John Bonham and James Netherby, in Section 24; Jeremiah Willison, in Section 6, and Uriah Hadley, in Section 20. Izel Beeson also had his home in the southwestern part. One of the first marriages in the township was that of John Kerby to a daughter of John Howard. Between 1840 and 1850 a number of families from Licking County, Ohio, joined the community, and thus originated the township name.

Corn was the main crop raised by the pioneer farmers, and this to a limited extent by reason of the scarcity of implements and the wet ground. The first crops of wheat were not more than two acres in extent. After a while patches of buckwheat were common, for which there was a good demand in the markets of Terre Haute, York and Palestine. Neighbors helped each other in harvesting, using the old-fashioned sickle and reaping hook. Wild honey abounded in the woods and was eagerly gathered to exchange in the markets for household provisions, and deerskins, venison and beeswax were staples in trade. Flour and meal were hauled from points in the eastern part of the county, as the first mill within its limits was not built until 1848. This was done by Henry Varner, the location being on Willow Creek. It was one-story high, 18 by 20 feet in dimensions, and had one set of burr-stones, operated by water-power. A few years afterward an ox-mill was built on the Tregul farm, which was run night and day to keep up with the needs of the farmers. Five years later Holmes & Doty built a two-story frame steam flouring-mill just west of Annapolis village, which was destroyed by fire in 1858. In the latter year a saw-mill, driven by water-power, was built in the central part of the township by J. Wardy, and the Annapolis steam flouring-mill was erected by J. Reese in 1867, at a cost of $9,000.

The earliest regular highway in Licking Township was that laid out by John B. Richardson in 1842, and called the Stewart Mill and York road. The Palestine and Bellaire road, running east and west through the central part of the township, was made in 1845. The road from Bellaire to Hutsonville was laid out by County Surveyor Fitch in 1846, and the Robinson and Martinsville road was established about the same time. This highway, which has been much changed from its original course, was made to run irregularly from north to south, and to cross the Hutsonville and Bellaire road at the village of Annapolis.

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP.

By act of the County Board of Supervisors of Crawford County, on June 19, 1903, a new township was created under the name of "Prairie Township," out of portions of Hutsonville and Licking Township, embracing a division from the western portion of the former and a division from the eastern portion of the latter, formal organization taking effect in July following. The new township embraces an area of about 40 sections, of which 18 sections are in Town 8 North, Range 12 East; 3 sections in Town 7, Range 12; 15 sections and a fraction in Town 8, Range 13, and two full sections and a fraction in Town 7, Range 13. The villages of Annapolis and Eaton are located within the new township.

OBLONG TOWNSHIP.

In the western part of Crawford County stretches a prairie, which was called Oblong by the first settlers in that region, and this name was subsequently given to the township division within whose borders it was included. This township has an area of 56 square miles, lying in the middle of the western portion of the county, extending seven miles east and west and eight miles north and south. It is bounded on the north by Licking Township, on the east by Robinson, south by Martin and west by Jasper County. Muddy Creek, Big Creek, Willow and Dogwood Creeks, and North Fork are the water courses running through the township. In its wild state nearly half of the township was wooded, heavy timber bordering the creek, and now the land, which is very productive, is divided into farms, moderate sized. Lot Watts, who came from Tennessee to Illinois early in the '20s, first buying a tract of eighty acres in the vicinity of Robinson, made the first entry of land in the township, locating on Section 6 in 1830. He was the first Justice of the Peace in

the township, and subsequently served as one of the County Judges. His death took place in 1854, and that of his brother, Robert Watts, who settled in the township in 1831, occurred in 1871. James Watts, Robert's son, was a venturesome hunter and trapper, and became known as a daring backwoods fighter. He married a daughter of William Wilson and lived in a small cabin, devoting the latter part of his life to trapping, whereby he profited much. Together with Robert Watts, arrived Jeremiah and Jesse York, cousins, and later, in 1831, Jesse Eaton. In the humble dwelling of Jesse York, a very worthy and influential man and a devout Methodist, were held the first religious services in the township. Jesse Eaton lived a while on North Fork, moving then to the northeastern part of the township, which was his home until 1863. He was an Old School Baptist minister, and preached throughout the township. Ezekiel and Arch York developed good farms in the southern part of the township, clearing the ground in 1834. In the same year George Miller, a successful hunter and trapper, but a bully and frontier marauder, "squatted" on North Fork, where he died in 1863.

In 1836 the community received additions through the arrival of John Smith, Elijah Smith, Greenberry Eaton and John Salisbury, with their families. Mr. Eaton entered up land in Section 36, near the present village of Oblong, and being a cooper by trade, supplied his neighbors with buckets, tubs and barrels, of which they had much need. Mr. Salisbury came from Indiana, locating in Section 19, where he became the owner of considerable land. The Smiths, who came from Kentucky, were men of unsettled habits and rambling tendencies, having no definite abiding place, and earning their living by hunting. Their brother, James, whose advent was somewhat later, was a man of different mold. He located a little east of the site of Oblong village and acquired forty acres of land. He was one of the first constables of the precinct out of which Oblong Township was created. Conspicuous in the early history and progress of Oblong was Joseph Wood, who became a resident of the township in 1839. He was a native of Virginia, whence he journeyed to Indiana on horseback in 1809. After living a short time in Vincennes, he came to Illinois, locating near Palestine, and serving as a "ranger" during the Indian trouble. After these were ended he changed his location to the vicinity of the present village of Robinson, and next made his home in Oblong Township, entering land in Section 3, a little way from Big Creek. He continued taking up more land until he acquired over 2,000 acres, and was the most prominent and prosperous farmer in the township. His death occurred in 1866. Other early settlers were Richard Lecky, Wood's son-in-law, who made his home in Section 2, near the eastern township line; D. F. Hale (of New York) and Abraham Walters, who located north of Lecky; John Hollingsworth, who settled in Section 32, and Reiley York, whose home was in Section 18 to the south. Still later came George Jeffers, settling in Section 27; James Boatright, of Tennessee, in Section 23; Ira King, a New Yorker, in Section 27; William Wilson, in Section 31; and John McCrillis, from Ohio, in Section 32. The last named developed a fine farm east of the site of Oblong and was also engaged in tanning. All these arrivals preceded 1850, the larger portion being from Indiana and Ohio, and by the end of the first half of the century the public lands were all taken up. But a few years have elapsed since the passing away of the last of the pioneers, who were accustomed to recount to their children (some of whom are still residents of the township) tales of the savages and wild animals, of the lack of provisions (excepting game) and most of the comforts of life, of the crude log shelters with puncheon floors and stick chimneys, and of spinning wheels and looms in the humble abodes.

Near its northern line, in 1832, was built the first mill in Oblong Township, the owner being George Miller. It was run by horse-power, its utmost capacity being 15 bushels of corn per day. In 1833 Richard Eaton put up on North Fork, a frame water-mill of two stones, 20 by 30 feet in dimensions. It had a saw attachment, and besides its flour and meal output, turned out a large amount of lumber. In the eastern part of the township, in 1840, Joseph Wood built a combination mill, two stories high and 20 by 32 feet in size, the capacity of which was about 100 bushels of grain per day. Big Creek supplied the water-power of this mill, which was conducted for sixteen years. The Oblong steam flouring-mill was erected by John Miller. It covered 30 by 40 feet of ground and was two and a half stories high. In 1881 it was entirely remodeled and equipped with new machinery,

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sufficient for the handling of fifty barrels of flour daily.

Two of the early enterprises in the township were a distillery built in the northeast corner of the township about 1849, and a wagon shop which stood two miles east of Oblong. The first blacksmith shop was built by Jesse Barlow in the northern part in 1852, and a tan-yard was started on the farm of John McCrillis in 1857.

The Vandalia State road, laid out about 1831, was the first legally established highway in Oblong. Another highway at an early period, from east to west. In 1852 the range line road was made, running through the township north and south, and crossing the former road at Oblong. Another highway at an early period, and leading through the eastern part, is the Stewart's Mill and York road, and still another is the Henry road, crossing the northern portion, and made to connect the town of Robinson with Hammer's Mill in Jasper County. The Indiana & Illinois Southern (Narrow-Gauge) Railroad, completed in 1880, runs through the central part from east to west. It is now a branch of the Illinois Central.

MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP.

This township, bordering on the Wabash River and constituting the southeastern division of Crawford County, is one of the most productive agricultural districts in the State. One of the earliest events recorded in the history of this region, is that of a hurricane which swept through what is now the northwestern part of the township about the year 1811, prostrating the heaviest timber in its pathway for half a mile in width.

The township was first settled about the close of the War of 1812, although tradition has it that James Beard came from Kentucky to what is now Montgomery Township in 1810. Whatever may have been the date of his arrival, it is certain that he was killed by the Indians. Eli Adams, his nephew, accompanied him in the journey to Illinois, and they lived in a log hut in the southeast corner of the township. Another pioneer, also from Kentucky, whose advent occurred about the same time as that of Beard and Adams, was Thomas Kennedy, the Baptist preacher heretofore mentioned in these pages. Andrew Montgomery, after whom the township was named, and who in his day was a prominent character, was among the first settlers, coming from Ireland. Other pioneers were Jesse Higgins, Gabriel Funk, Sr., John Cobb, James Allison, Joseph Pearson, John Waldrup, James Shaw, James Brockman and Ithra Brashears. Gabriel Funk, Sr., who was a skillful hunter, came in 1815. Pearson came from Indiana. Brashears, whose former home was in Kentucky, was one of the inmates of Fort Lamotte, and at the end of the war received a grant of 100 acres of land from the Government for meritorious service against the Indians. He built one of the first mills in the township, and Jesse Higgins, whose log cabin was demolished by the tornado previously alluded to, built another on the site of the present village of Morea. Mills were also put up by Allison, Brockman and Brashears. John Cobb cleared a farm in 1820. The first blacksmith in the township was a man named Hatfield, and the second William Edgington, who kept also a sort of gun factory up to the '80s. Distilleries of a primitive description were set up by Shaw, Adams, and a Mr. Veach, the distilling business forming not the least among the early industries of the locality.

The early settlers had an arduous existence, times being stringent, and produce, even as late as 1845, bringing low prices. Between 1840 and 1845 corn was sold at 6¼ cents per bushel, at Vernon, in the northern portion of the township, to which point it was necessary to haul it for marketing. In trade for salt, wheat was figured at about 39 cents per bushel, after being hauled to Evansville, Ind., and pork brought from $1.50 to $2 per hundred. Four-year-old cattle were sold for $7 a head. Only home-made clothing, and that of a coarse and inferior kind, was in use in the farming districts, and many of the men wore buckskin.

The Vincennes and Chicago road, an improved Indian trail, surveyed in 1835, was one of the earliest public thoroughfares in Montgomery Township, the regular State road, running from Vincennes to Palestine, and known as the "Purgatory Road," on account of the large marsh through which it passed. It was laid out in 1836. The roads of the present day are of good quality, as are also many of the bridges spanning the creeks.

Schools—Schools were started in Montgomery Township as early as the number of children warranted their establishment, and the people have always taken an earnest interest in educational matters.

MARTIN AND SOUTHWEST TOWNSHIPS.

The divison of Crawford County comprising the townships of Martin and Southwest contains fifty-six square miles of territory, and is bounded north by Oblong Township, south by Lawrence and Richland Counties, east by Robinson Township, and west by Jasper County. In 1869 the part of the original township of Martin lying south of the Embarras River, was organized as Southwest Township, by petition of its residents, alleging, among other reasons for the separation, the impediments in reaching the voting place caused by high water at certain periods. The two townships have had precisely the same historical development, and will be treated in this narrative as one. Between the divisions runs the Embarras River, and the drainage of the locality is further dependent upon Dogwood Branch, Honey Creek and Big Creek, with some smaller streams. The surface is generally level, and about three-quarters of the area was originally woodland, sycamore, elm, walnut, maple, ash, oak and hickory being the principal varieties. Although containing some productive farms, the soil is especially adapted to pasturage and fruit culture. Daniel Martin, a native of Georgia, made the first entry of public land in Martin Township in 1839, having moved from Kentucky to Illinois about the year 1810. He first located at Palestine, having made the journey through the wilderness with his household effects on one horse and his wife and child on another. He was a brave Indian fighter and a skillful hunter. After remaining about twenty years in his first location, he sold his farm there and took up an 80-acre government land-claim in Section 34, T. 6 N., R. 13 W. After building a log cabin measuring 20 by 18 feet, he betook himself to hunting, leaving his daughters, who were of stalwart physique, to clear, plow, and cultivate the ground, while he kept the family supplied with fresh meats. He died in 1863 when seventy-six years old, having made his home on this place for thirty-three years. Abel Pryor, the next settler of whom there is any record, came from Kentucky and established himself at an early period in the vicinity of the fort at Palestine, moving in 1831 to Martin Township, where he located in Section 26. He was also a great hunter, but acquired a great deal of very desirable land. He died in 1875, having been the father of sixteen children. About the same time as Pryor, came a man named Huffman, who made some improvements on land entered up two years later by Absalom Higgins. In 1831 William Wilkinson cleared a small farm in the Dark Bend on the Embarras River, and his marriage to a daughter of Daniel Martin is believed to have been the first wedding in the township. The second matrimonial venture was made by William Shipman, a native of Indiana, who located near the site of the village of Hardinville in 1831, and whose bride was also a daughter of Daniel Martin. Mr. Shipman entered land in Section 34, and helped to lay out that village. The year 1832 added to the population Absalom Higgins (previously alluded to), Zachariah Thomas and Hezekiah Martin, with their families. Higgins was a hunter of note, and with his numerous dogs, did much to rid the county of wolves. On one occasion he killed a panther after firing seventeen shots, three of his dogs being sacrificed in the encounter. Among the best remembered of the early settlers was Thomas R. Boyd, a Kentuckian, who located at Palestine when that place had but two dwellings, moving thence to Martin Township in 1836, and being followed by his brother, Samuel R. Boyd, the next year. The former, who died in 1877, was a successful farmer and stock-dealer, amassing a snug competency. Among other arrivals in the course of the ensuing ten years were Robert Boyd, John Thomas, Benjamin Boyd and Alfred Griswold, the last named entering up a large tract in Section 15.

Previous to 1840 land entries were made in the township by Foster Donald, Bethel Martin and William B. Martin, who settled in Section 22; Robert Goss, in Section 25, and Benjamin Myers, in Section 30. This portion of the county was peculiarly infested with wolves, making it a hard task for the farmers to protect their stock. To remedy this evil Sunday hunts were resorted to, all the good marksmen for miles around ranging themselves in a wide circle and gradually closing in on the concentrating animals. Crows were another obstacle to the success of the farmers, eating up whole fields of corn, and premiums were paid for their destruction.

The flour and meal in the region were at the outset obtained from the crude mills at Lawrenceville and Palestine, the first mill in Martin Township being built in the southwestern part,

on the Embarras River, in 1840. It had two run of burr-stone and subsequently a saw attachment, and was a profitable venture. A steam flouring-mill was built in 1848, at the village of Freeport, and ten years later the Ruby distillery was erected a little east of Hardinsville, having a capacity of 100 gallons per day.

HONEY CREEK TOWNSHIP.

This township is bounded by Robinson Township on the north, Montgomery Township on the east, Lawrence County on the south, and Martin and Southwest Townships on the west. The Embarras River touches a point on its southwest corner, and Honey Creek runs through the northwest corner, Brush and Sugar Creeks flowing through the southeast part. The land is largely timbered, and while there are a few good farms, the soil compares rather unfavorably with that of other portions of the county. Several villages sprang up soon after the Wabash Railroad was completed, but the population is still small.

The pioneer settlers of this township were John and Samuel Parker, whose arrival took place in 1816. In 1820 came George Parker from Kentucky, settling on the "Range road" near the site of Flat Rock. Other early residents were Seth Lee, John Hart, the Seaney family, Levi Lee, William Carter, and Jesse and James Higgins. The advent of these men soon followed the establishment of the Government Land Office at Palestine. Aaron Jones, a Virginian by nativity, came from Butler County, Ohio, and located in Honey Creek Township in 1832, having journeyed along Indian trails and paths made by hunters through the wilderness. The first land entered west of the "Range road" (running from Mt. Carmel to Chicago) was taken by Asa Jones, and he was shortly afterwards followed by Jacob Blaythe. Richard Highsmith, another pioneer, helped in constructing the fort at Russellville, and slept in it with a few others as soon as it was finished. Leonard Simons came from Tennessee to Crawford County at an early period, and after living awhile at Palestine, established his home in Honey Creek Township. Samuel Bussard went from Maryland to Ohio at an early day, and thence moved to this township where he reared a large family. Peter Kendall and Robert Terrill located in the township in 1842.

Deers, wolves, panthers and wildcats abounded in the early days of the settlement, the ravenous animals making it difficult to raise hogs and sheep. Meat was plentiful as a result of hunting, but until rude mills were built in the township, the people were compelled to go to Palestine for their flour and meal.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

The present Board of Supervisors of Crawford County by townships is as follows:

Township	Supervisors
Licking	O. G. Holmes, Chm.
Prairie	J. D. Newlin
Hutsonville	Oliver Meeker
Oblong	C. B. Smith
Robinson	G. E. Kespler
La Motte	W. D. Catterton
Montgomery	W. O. Edgington
Honey Creek	E. F. Montgomery
Martin	G. L. Keck
Southwest	L. Musbrush

OTHER COUNTY OFFICERS.

County Judge—J. C. Maxwell.
County Clerk—Charles O. Harper.
Circuit Clerk and Recorder—Ira I. Wilkin.
Sheriff—Charles V. Coulter.
County Treasurer—A. A. Correll.
State's Attorney—Manford E. Cox.
Superintendent of Schools—A. F. Nightingale.

CHAPTER VIII.

TOWNS AND VILLAGES.

SKETCHES OF EARLY VILLAGES IN CRAWFORD COUNTY—THEIR FOUNDERS AND FIRST SETTLERS—ROBINSON, PALESTINE, HUTSONVILLE, OBLONG, HARDINVILLE AND OTHER VILLAGES OF AN EARLY DAY—RECENT DEVELOPMENTS DUE TO THE DISCOVERY OF COAL OIL.

As new communities developed throughout the western and northern portions of Crawford County, the necessity of removing the county-seat to a more central and convenient locality became more and more manifest, and agitation

to that end began to take shape in 1843. This resulted in the passage of an act authorizing the removal from Palestine, and providing that, on the site chosen by popular vote, forty acres of land should be donated by the owners for platting and selling to secure the means necessary for the erection of the county buildings. The villages of Hebron and Hutsonville were contestants for the honor and proffers of land were also made from other points, which figured in the election that was held to decide upon the various propositions. The results of the vote were indefinite, and a second election was had to determine the matter, a point five miles southwest of the site of Robinson being the final choice. It was located at the middle of the dividing line between Sections 33 and 34 in T. 7 N., R. 12 W., and the donors were William Wilson, Finley Paull, Robert C. Wilson and John W. Wilson, each giving ten acres. The tract was prairie land, bordered by dense timber, and partly covered with thick brush. But two dwell- and 240 feet east and west. The streets each side of the square (east and west sides) are 50 feet broad. The main streets through the ings stood within view of the site of the new county-seat, which was platted by the County Surveyor, William B. Baker, December 25, 1843, his official report being as follows: "The size of the lots in the town of Robinson is sixty-five feet front, east and west, and 130 feet long. The public square is 260 feet north and south center of the town each way, are eighty feet, and all the rest are sixty feet, save the border streets on the outside of the lots, which are forty feet." The plat showed seventeen large blocks which were subdivided into 120 smaller ones. Lots 77 and 78 were bought December 3, 1844, by Francis Waldrop, the price being $45.75. The next sale was to William B. Baker, who purchased lots 101 to 108 inclusive, and lots 69, 70, 71, 72 and 80 for a consideration of $300. No more sales were recorded until, December, 1846, W. H. Stanett then buying lot 74 for $22.50; Leonard D. Cullom, lots 79, 80 and 82, for $41; and Francis Waldrop, lot 56, for $30. William Barbee and Thomas Barbee bought lots 22, 23 and 24, in 1874, paying $33. Lot 98 was sold to D. A. Bailey for $25; lot 75 to William Brown, for $25; lot 54 to Mary Johns, for $20; lot 99, to Anna Longenecker, for $15; lot 67, to William Young, for $12.12; and lots 41 and 42, to George C. Fitch, for $30. J. M. Grimes, David Lillie and Robert and Henry Weaver purchased lots in 1848, several others being sold in that year, at from $11 to $25. James Weaver put up the first building in Robinson, a frame structure of small size, which was subsequently moved to the northeast corner of Main and Marshall Streets, and used for a hotel kitchen. In the spring of 1844, Francis Waldrop erected the second building as a store and dwelling, and this was afterwards moved to the northwest corner of Cheapside and Locust Streets, its kitchen being used at one time (before the removal) as a court room by the county commissioners.

The third house in Robinson was the home of William B. Baker, which stood in a grove a little south of the portion of the town originally platted, and was built of peeled hickory logs. In the fall of 1845 Judge Robb, the first physician of Robinson, put up a log house, 18 feet square in size, which was also situated on the outskirts of the village plat, and on the northern edge of the plat Asa Ayers laid out twelve lots in 1858.

The estimated population of the town in 1865 was somewhat under 400. From this time on new plats were frequently recorded,—that of William C. Dickson, containing 20 lots, in 1865; and Robb's First Addition, 24 lots. The railroad agitation of 1875 stimulated further activity in this direction, and in that year seven additions, comprising 93 lots, were made, seven more, aggregating 193 lots, being platted in 1876, and in 1877, three others containing 70 lots. Two additions were laid out in 1878 and one in 1881, with 27 and 36 lots, respectively.

The officials of Robinson village, up to 1866, were a Justice of the Peace, Constable and Road Supervisor. On March 2d of that year, the village was incorporated, Thomas Sions, A. P. Woodworth, E. Callahan, D. D. Fowler and Thomas Barbee being elected Trustees. This Board was organized the next day with Thomas Barbee as President; J. C. Olwin, Clerk; Thomas Sims, Treasurer; and Joseph Kent, Constable. The corporation limits embraced one square mile, including the east half of Section 33 and the west half of Section 34 in T. 7 N., R. 12 W. Ordinances were passed regulating sidewalks, prohibiting gambling and the sale of liquor as a beverage, etc. The early policy in regard to the liquor traffic underwent periodical modifications, license being granted in 1870 under a

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fee of $300, and no license voted again four years later. Since 1874 the license fee has fluctuated, being sometimes as high as $1,200 per annum.

Among the first merchants who conducted business in Robinson were Barbee and Brown, who occupied log stores in the middle of the east side of the public square, and in 1852 the building of brick stores began, John Dixon, who started in trade in 1849, putting up the first brick store on the corner of Main and Marshall Streets. In 1854, the first hotel, the "Robinson House," was erected by Thomas Barbee, who had previously kept a public house on Marshall Street near Main. In consequence of the discovery of coal oil in Crawford County within the last few years, an unprecedented development has occurred in some portions of the County, especially in the vicinity of Robinson. The population of the city according to the census of 1900 was 1,680, but in 1909 is estimated as approximating $7,000. Previous to 1861 but little money was in circulation in Crawford County, goods being sold on one year's credit, and merchants buying all the cattle, hogs and grain brought to market in the fall, the principal firms having a stock farm for feeding purposes as well as individual warerooms and packing houses along the Wabash and shipping their pork, cattle and grain to New Orleans in the spring.

The system of trading and long credits largely disappeared with the coming of the war and consequent expansion of currency, the influx of railroad facilities, and the subsequent building of the Paris & Danville Road especially tended toward placing the trade of Robinson on a sounder basis, the construction of the narrow-gauge line at a still later period having a similar effect on the business of the county at large.

The City of Robinson in 1908.—The city of Robinson is reached by two trunk lines of railroad, while a third is projected. It is the center of the oil field, in 1908 the number of oil wells in the county being between five and six thousand, and the value of the product in 1907 estimated at $17,000,000. Drillings for oil are constantly going on and the increase in production increasing, while evidence is being secured of the presence of the best quality of bituminous coal. In 1908 the city was the seat of five machine shops, three tank factories, one oil refinery, a planing mill, a flouring mill, an ice plant building, glass factory, two natural gas companies, with unlimited supply for domestic and manufacturing purposes, and three banks with deposits aggregating more than $2,000,000.

The city is surrounded by a rich agricultural and horticultural district, has a free mail delivery service, two building and loan associations, two newspapers, three bookstores, an opera house capable of seating 1,000 auditors, a fine 30-acre park, two schoolhouses with a third in course of erection, six churches: Baptist, Catholic, Christian, Methodist, Presbyterian, and United Brethren; a Carnegie public library, a hospital, four good hotels, twelve miles of concrete walks, and street pavements in course of construction, while the number of buildings being erected is increasing every year. The population, as elsewhere stated, is estimated at approximately 7,000 in 1908, with a rapid increase every year.

The city officials of Robinson in 1908 were:

Mayor—J. H. Ferrel.

City Clerk—H. M. Lewis.

City Attorney—Stoy J. Maxwell.

City Treasurer—Ross Smiley.

Engineer—O. R. Hedden.

Street Commissioner—George L. Walker.

Chief of Police—Fred H. Metcalf.

Aldermen—First Ward, W. K. Highsmith, F. S. Wilbur; Second Ward, George E. McQueen, R. S. Duffield; Third Ward, H. E. Green, L. E. Stephens.

Robinson City Schools.—The Board of Education of the city of Robinson consists of John S. Abbott, president; J. C. Eagleton, Dr. J. W. Carlisle, L. H. Brigham and C. M. Eaton, with F. L. Dewey, clerk; J. G. Slater, superintendent, and A. B. Houston, truant officer. The number of teachers employed in the two city schools is fourteen, of whom three are connected with the high school department in the South Side School, with L. W. Chatham, principal.

Town of Palestine.—The town of Palestine, situated in Lamotte Township, Crawford County, two miles west of the Wabash River was laid out May 19, 1818, by Joseph Kitchell, Edward N. Cullom and County Agent, David Porter, then containing, besides the public square, 160 lots, 75 by 142 feet each, of which lot 111 was the first to be improved, a small house of two rooms being built thereon by John Houston and

Francis Dickson a year or two after the plat was recorded. One of these rooms, 16 by 18 feet, located on the street corner, was fitted up for a store and, in 1820, Houston and Dickson stocked it with goods brought from Vincennes, this being the first merchandise ever brought to that region for sale. Twelve years later, the town, with a population of about 550, had two groceries, five dry-goods stores, three blacksmith shops, two saddleries, two tan yards, two shoe shops, two mills, two taverns, a wagon shop, tailor shop, hatter shop, cooper shop, and carpenter's and cabinet maker's shop, besides a carding machine and cotton gin. One church had then been built. In addition to the early settlers already mentioned, the better known residents were David W. Stark, Dr. Ford, Daniel Boatright, Guy W. Smith, George Calhoun, Asa Kitchell, A. B. Winslow, Mr. Ireland (partner of J. H. Kitchell in a general store), and Elisha Fitch, who conducted one of the taverns mentioned. The other public house was kept by I. N. Wilson, and was patronized by people who came to Palestine from a distance for the purpose of attending court, buying land, etc. Both taverns had antique signs, the one on the Fitch place being a new moon, and that on Wilson's, the rising sun, the latter inn being the headquarters of the stage line.

For a long period Palestine was the only place within a wide stretch of country where the buying, packing and shipping of pork was carried on, and it was the sole point in Crawford County where wheat was bought for shipment. A grain warehouse was built there by O. H. Bristol & Co., in 1842, and did an extensive business, being filled to its utmost capacity with wheat two or three times a year. About the year 1831, a large distillery was commenced. which was afterwards bought and completed by Harmon Alexander, who used it for the manufacture of linseed and castor oil on an extensive scale.

On February 16, 1857, the General Assembly passed an act incorporating the town of Palestine, which was organized in the following April under special charter. It was reorganized twenty years later, officers being elected in April, 1877, under the general incorporation law of the State.

Government Land Office.—The Government Land office, which for many years rendered Palestine one of the most important points in Illinois, was established there May 11, 1820, and was the only place for entering government lands in the southern part of the State. It was operated as such until the bulk of the Government lands south of the Danville District had been entered. The Registers of the office were: Joseph Kitchell, from its inception to 1841; Jesse K. Dubois, 1841 to 1842; James McLean, 1842 to 1845; Harmon Alexander, 1845 to 1849; James McLean, 1849 to 1853; and Harmon Alexander, 1853 to 1855. The Receivers during the same period were: Guy W. Smith, 1820 to 1839; Augustus C. French, 1839 to 1842; 1842 to 1845 David McGahey; 1845 to 1849 William Wilson; Jesse K. Dubois, 1849 to 1853, Robert C. Wilson, 1853 to 1855. In 1855 the office was moved to Springfield, the State capital.

The town of Palestine, which bears the impress of decadence from its pristine vigor, and is now but a reminiscence of the stirring activities of its palmy days, still boasts many attractive residences, surrounded by spacious and ornate grounds. It has given to the public service some men of pronounced ability and usefulness, among them a Governor, Augustus C. French; an Attorney-General, Wickliffe Kitchell; and a Circuit Judge and member of Congress, James C. Allen.

Village of Hutsonville.—The tract of land on which Hutsonville now stands was originally entered from the Government by Andrew Harris. His father, Israel Harris, who bought a portion of the claim, built a tavern on the bank of the river (the Wabash), standing on the old State road, running from Vincennes through Palestine, York, Darwin, Paris, and Danville, and continuing on to Chicago. Not being successful in his hotel ventures, Mr. Harris traded the building and land to Robert Harrison, who laid out the village in April, 1832, the original plat including but 48 lots, most of which were soon sold. Mr. Harrison subsequently platted 80 more lots, under the name of Harrison's Addition to the Town of Hutsonville, so named in memory of Isaac Hutson, before referred to. Other "additions" were platted in course of time. The first dwelling in the new town was built late in 1832 by William Cox, and fronted the river on lot 32. It was a hewed log house, weather boarded some years afterwards, and collapsed early in the '80s. During the same fall William M. Hurst put up a kitchen on the river bank, which he lived in until the next spring, when by adding to it, his one-story home was

finished. These two men were the first storekeepers in the town, going into business as Cox & Hurst in August, 1832. The next store opened was that of Scott & Ross, residents of Terre Haute, Ind., in 1835. Neither of these enterprises was of long continuance, as the credit system then in vogue soon exhausted the small resources of the early merchants. In 1843 the store trade of the town dwindled to nothing, the people going to York, for merchandise, but a few years later other stores were opened, and after 1852 several merchants carried on a profitable business, some of them also packing pork and handling grain.

In later times many men in Hutsonville have made snug fortunes in merchandising, while others have succumbed to misfortunes, mostly in the shape of fires and floods. The largest measure of success in early times was attained in the line of pork-packing, which was represented by the Preston Brothers; Carson, Hurst & Musgrove; H. A. Steele, John A. Merrick and others. William Cox was the first Postmaster of Hutsonville, being appointed in 1832. At the outset the mail was carried on horseback over the old State road until Murphy and Goodrich established a coach route in 1838, the old method being soon resumed, however, by reason of the failure of the coach line, and continuing until the advent of railroad facilities. As the center of a rich agricultural region and in close proximity to the oil-producing section of Crawford County, the village of Hutsonville has shown evidence of development during the last few years, and there is reason to believe that the population of 743, according to the census of 1900, will be materially increased in 1910.

West York.—West York, a small village situated near the north line of Hutsonville Township, was laid out at the time when the Cairo, Vincennes & Chicago Railroad (now a part of the "Big Four") reached that point. Among its early residents were two merchants, G. W. Bishop and Jesse C. Musgrave, to whom belongs the distinction of shipping the first carload of grain out of Crawford County. The grain was loaded March 25, 1875, and forwarded on a construction train, no freight cars having been put on the road at that time.

Bellaire.—The village of Bellaire, in the western part of Licking Township, was started in 1844. Shortly after it was platted, John Ryan built a small, hewed-log house in which he opened the first store in the place, which was destroyed by fire at the end of six years.

Berlin.—The village of Berlin was started in the eastern part of Licking Township (Section 36) in 1852, Richard Porter, a blacksmith being the first to locate there. He was followed by Dr. McAllister, of Hutsonville, who built a dwelling, and soon a small hamlet sprang up, which was laid out as a town in 1854, by Catron Preston and Catlin Cullers.

Annapolis.—In 1856, a small store was opened by A. G. Murkey on Section 12, in the eastern portion of Licking Township, at the intersection of the Martinsville and Hutsonville roads. To this point, which was then called the "Corners," the farmers of the adjacent region hauled their produce, which was exchanged by Mr. Murphy for merchandise in Terre Haute. Two years after the latter started this store, Thomas Spencer, of Ohio, located in the same vicinity, purchasing a tract of land and laying out the village of Spencerville. Several other stores followed the Murphy venture, and the place soon became quite a trading center. Adjoining Spencerville on the west, another village was laid out in October, 1879, being named Annapolis by Silas and Sarah Hollowell, owners of the ground thus platted. Both settlements being virtually one village, soon came to be known as Annapolis, which being in the midst of a good agricultural district, has become a place of considerable business activity.

Oblong Village.—The village of Oblong was regularly laid out in 1872, although the locality had long been a scene of considerable business activity, and the Oblong Post-office had been established in 1854, D. W. Odell being the first Postmaster. S. R. Thomas is the present Postmaster. Owing to the development of oil in its vicinity, Oblong has been having a considerable growth in the last two years. In 1908 it had two banks, five dry-goods houses, eight groceries, five hardware stores, two hotels, one flour mill, one weekly paper (the "Oblong Oracle"), five oil well supply concerns, five oil-producing companies, and one telephone company. The population of Oblong, according to the census of 1900, was 743, which has been probably doubled in the last nine years.

Hardinville.—The village of Hardinville, in Martin Township, was laid out in Section 34, in the southwestern part of Martin Township, in September, 1847, its projector being Daniel

Martin. Among its early merchants were William Shipman, Charles Inman, John Higgins, Preston Bros., and Miller & Parker. Trade slowly dwindled away until 1882, but one store then being left in the place. In later years there has been a marked revival of its prosperity.

NEW HEBRON.—Among the villages of Honey Creek Township, New Hebron is one of the best known. It was laid out by Dr. Nelson Hawley in 1840, the first house being built by Thomas Swearingen, and a tread-wheel mill, believed to be the first in the township, was built by Dr. Hawley, and afterwards converted into a steam mill, with a saw attachment. A school house was erected about 1842, built of logs, which gave way to a brick structure in 1858, and this in turn to a frame building.

THE VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK (a modification of the old town of Flat Rock) was laid out by J. W. Jones, April 20, 1876, and has since been one of the liveliest trading points in the county.

DUNCANVILLE.—Laid out September 6, 1876, and Port Jackson, which had its inception as a village May 22, 1855, are among the other points of interest in the township, the latter, however, having sunk into decadence since new railroad facilities gave rise to other towns.

STOY.—In common with other portions of the oil-producing sections of Crawford County, the village of Stoy has shown a marked increase in population and business during the last few years.

Other villages and post-offices in Crawford County include Canaan, Eaton, Gordon, Handy, Heathsville, Landis, Morea, Pierceburg, Richwoods and Villas.

CHAPTER IX.

EARLY CHURCHES—FRATERNITIES.

COMING OF EARLY MINISTERS TO CRAWFORD COUNTY AND DENOMINATIONS WHICH THEY REPRESENTED —FIRST CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS AND LIST OF MEMBERS—OTHER ITEMS IN CHURCH HISTORY—FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS IN ROBINSON.

On horseback or on foot, the pioneer preachers of Crawford County of various sects went about among the early settlers, receiving the hospitalities of humble abodes wherever night brought their daily journeys or their ministrations to a close. They were welcomed in every cabin; the nearest neighbors were notified of their presence, and gospel meetings were attended by as many as could be gathered together. The first public religious work in the county was done by Baptists. Then came the Methodists, to whom belongs the destinction of organizing at Palestine the earliest church in this locality, and erecting the first place of worship.

Daniel Parker and Thomas Kennedy were the early preachers in Crawford County, both belonging to the Hardshell Baptist denomination and both being early settlers of the county. Elder Newport, was also a diligent and zealous Baptist preacher, who itinerated throughout this section, his home being in what is now Clark County. Elder Parker preached in many parts of the country, extending his evangelistic work far and wide, and finally organizing a religious colony which flourished there under the name of the "Pilgrim Church." While living in Illinois he was prominent in a political connection, besides his ministerial duties serving as State Senator. Mr. Kennedy also took an active part in civil affairs, filling at various times the offices of County Treasurer, County Commissioner, Probate Judge, etc.

The first Methodist to preach in the county was Rev. John Dolliphan, who settled previously to 1820 in what was afterwards cut off as Lawrence County. The first pioneer preacher of this denomination in the settlement at Palestine was named Fox, and a few years after the building of the Methodist church there, one was erected by the Presbyterians. Among the earliest places of worship in the county was one at Hebron.

CHURCHES IN ROBINSON.—In the matter of religious endeavor the first organized body in Robinson was the Methodist Episcopal church. Of its incipient stages little is now known, but a new brick edifice, costing $5,000, was erected as its place of worship in 1866, the pastor then being Rev. Mr. Massey, and the Sunday school Superintendent, John Maxwell.

The first Presbyterian church of Robinson was organized in 1848, sixteen members forming the nucleus on October 28, of that year, most of whom had belonged to the Palestine church, to which they afterwards returned. A reorganiza-

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tion under the name of the "First Presbyterian church of Robinson" was effected November 8, 1872, by Rev. Thomas Spencer and Elder Finley Paull, with William C. Wilson, John H. Wilkin and Rufus R. Lull as elders, and Rev. Aaron Thompson as its first pastor. Mr. Thompson was followed in the pastorate by Rev. Thomas Spencer and Rev. John E. Carson, successively.

The existence of the Christian church in Robinson dates from 1876. Its place of worship, begun in the following year, was finished in 1882. The more active of its first members were Mr. and Mrs. James M. Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Brown, Mrs. Mary Callahan, Hickman Henderson and M. C. Shepherd.

Robinson Mission Catholic church was organized by Father Kuhlman, of Marshall, Ill., in 1882, with a membership of fifteen families, its place of worship costing $700, and being built during that year.

Lamotte Township Churches.—Among the arrivals in Lamotte Township were a few ministers of the gospel, the Methodists and Hardshell Baptists being the first denominations represented. Thomas Kennedy was a preacher of the latter sect, and, expounding the doctrine of the former, were John Stewart, John Fox and "Father" McCord. The first church in Lamotte Township was the Lamotte Baptist church, organized by Elder Daniel Parker, and worshiping in a building on Lamotte Prairie. In 1848 Elder John Bailey and fifty others united to found the East Union Christian church in the southern portion of the township, the congregation then assembling in a log schoolhouse. Among the early pastors after Elder Bailey's time were Elders L. Thompson, John Mullins, David Clark, and G. W. Ingersoll.

Richwood's Baptist church, in the southern portion of the township, was organized by Elder D. Y. Allison, with eight members, in 1871, holding its meetings in the Harding schoolhouse. In 1873 it built a frame church edifice and its pastors, succeeding Mr. Allison, have been J. L. Cox, Jacob Clements and Isaiah Greenbaugh. The Union church, built in 1871, through subscriptions from different denominations, stands at the Jack Oak Cemetery, in the northern part of the township, where lie the remains of many of the pioneers, among them Thomas Gill, a soldier under Gen. Putnam, and others buried as early as 1825, including several Indians. Near this cemetery is a church built by the Dunkards in 1882. In the southwest part of the township stands Swearingen Methodist Episcopal Chapel, whose first pastor was Rev. J. B. Reeder. Harmony church, built by popular subscription and usable by all denominations, stood in the northwest corner of the township.

First Church in Palestine.—The first church organization in Palestine was the Methodist Episcopal, which was started in 1828 or 1829, its first preachers being "Father" McCord and Rev. John Fox. In 1872 the congregation, after occupying various places of worship, purchased a building erected for a town-hall and adapted it to their religious services. Rev. Thomas J. Massey was the first minister occupying the pulpit of the new church, with Arthur Vance as Sunday School Superintendent.

In 1831, Rev. John Montgomery and Rev. Isaac Reed, of Pennsylvania and New York, respectively, organized the first Presbyterian church in Palestine at a meeting held May 14-16, the original members being Ann Malcom, Hannah Wilson, John Houston, John Malcom, Phœbe Morris, Nancy Houston, Anna Piper, Jane Houston, James Caldwell, Alfred Lagow, Eliza Houston, Henry Lagow, Margaret Eagleton, Wilson Lagow, Mary Ann Logan, James Eagleton and Wilson Lagow. The elders then chosen were Wilson Lagow and John Houston. Succeeding them in this capacity, at an early date were H. T. Beam, J. C. Ramey, Dr. J. S. Bringle, James Eagleton, Dr. E. L. Patton, J. H. Richey, James C. Allen, J. M. Winsor, Andrew McCormick and Finley Paull. All of the original members of this church have long since finished their earthly course. The reverend gentlemen ministering to the church for a period of some fifty years included John Montgomery, Reuben White, James Crawford, Isaac Bennett, E. W. Thayer, R. H. Lilly, Joseph Platt, John Crozier, J. M. Alexander, Joseph Platt (a second time), A. McFarland, Thomas Spencer, J. E. Carson and S. W. Lagrange. At the time of its semi-centennial anniversary, in 1881, the number of persons connected with the church, from the date of its organization, was stated to have been 440, two other churches in the meantime having been formed from this membership. The congregation, at the outset, held its services in a carpenter shop, and, in 1849, built a church edifice 38 by 50 feet, and costing $1,300, which in course of time was enlarged and remodeled.

The church of the Christian denomination in

Palestine is of early origin. Its first house of worship was destroyed by fire and in 1874 a brick edifice replaced it.

HUTSONVILLE CHURCHES.—Religious work in Hutsonville Township was first undertaken by the Quakers in the early '20s, holding their meetings in a double log house, and some years later in a log church in the same vicinity. Next, they built a frame church at the "cross roads," and subsequently another, on "Quaker line." The Baptist denomination organized a church at Hutsonville in 1856, through the efforts of Elders J. W. Riley and E. Frey, who were sent by the Baptist Missionary Board at Palestine. The first pastor was Elder Frey, who was followed in turn by Elders Asa Frakes, A. J. Fuson, and J. L. Cox. The first members were Hezekiah Winters, Daniel S. Downey, Jane Barlow, Anna Paine, Maria Vance, Phœbe Downey, Joseph Medley and Mary Medley. A frame church, 24 by 36 feet, was built in 1865, at a cost of $1,000. It was located three and a half miles northwest of Hutsonville and in the next two decades the membership increased to 140.

On the Sunday before Christmas in 1832, in a small partly finished building in Water Street, owned by T. C. Moore, the first sermon was preached in Hutsonville by Rev. James McCord, an itinerant Methodist minister, and eight years later a Methodist church was organized in this locality, the pulpit having since been occupied by a long list of preachers of that denomination. In the early '50s, a brick church was erected.

The Christian church of Hutsonville was organized in the '40s, and built a frame edifice in 1860. It had as its early pastors Elders Alfred F. Small, William Tichnor, James Morgan, and William P. Black.

The Universalist church of Hutsonville was organized in 1870 by Rev. Robert G. Harris.

LICKING TOWNSHIP CHURCHES.—Religious work in Licking Township is believed to have been first undertaken by the Quakers, who organized a society in its northern part, using the dwelling of James Dixon as a meeting place for several years. Thomas Cox, William Dixon, I. Beeson and William Lindley, with their families, Mrs. James Dixon, Mrs. Thomas Cox, and Nathan Musgrove and his family were the original members. After keeping up their organization for twenty years, most of the time worshiping in the schoolhouse on the Dixon farm, the society was dissolved, the last preacher being Andrew Tomlinson. In 1848 the Methodist denomination formed a class in the Mount Pleasant schoolhouse, where their services were held until the building was torn down, after which they continued to worship in the Union schoolhouse. A Methodist church was organized at Portersville with twenty members, who met in the old log schoolhouse until the erection of the Union church building in 1875. The original organization was under the auspices of the Protestant Methodists, who gave way to the Methodist Episcopal Society in 1878. Some of the early pastors were Jackson Anderson, Daniel McCormick, R. Travers, R. Wright, J. D. Dees, Newton Stauffer and J. M. Jackson.

In 1866 Rev. Richard Belknap started the United Brethren Mission at Annapolis, with a membership of about fifty persons. After preaching two years he was succeeded by Rev. James Page, and he in turn by the following ministers: Messrs. Shepherd, Samuel Starks, John Helton, Samuel Slusser, Ephraim Shuey, Daniel Buzzard, William Hillis, and others.

In 1875 the Methodists of Annapolis, together with some of the society which worshiped at Willow church, formed a class consisting of twenty-three members. Some of its ministers have been R. Wetherford, Ira King, Allen Bartley, Newton Stauffer, James G. Dees and John M. Jackson. Jointly with the United Brethren the society used the Union church building, an edifice 32 by 48 feet in dimensions, which was erected by popular subscription in 1875 and dedicated in August of that year.

In the same year, Elder Wood organized the Christian church, of Portersville, with twelve members, soon increasing to seventy. To this society have ministered in succession the following pastors: William Beadle, and Elders McCash Lockhart, Conner, Boor, Grimm, and others. The church building, 35 by 50 feet in size, was erected by the general public, and is open to all denominations. The West Harmony Christian church, which was organized at White's Prairie, in the western portion of the township, and included among its members many of the most worthy people in that locality, built its place of worship about 1876.

CHURCHES IN OBLONG TOWNSHIP.—The first religious services in Oblong Township were held in the cabins of the pioneer settlers and the old Mount Comfort church near the southern

part of the township was probably the first organized body of worshipers. The Methodists were early in the field, and among the original ministers of that denomination were William St. Clair, C. C. English, John Leeper, J. P. Rutherford, and Messrs. Wallace and Noll. In 1856 the Oblong church was formed, the first meetings being held in the home of Owen Jarrett, Lydia Leech, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Jarrett and Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Dulaney being the first members, and David Caudman and his wife joining at the second service. About 1866, the Baptists erected their house of worship. The Prairie Methodist church in the northern part of the township had its beginning in 1857, and through the efforts of Rev. John Leeper, about sixty persons became members. The congregation being scattered, was divided in 1879, each division building a church in 1881, the Prairie and Dogwood, which have since been ministered to by the following reverend gentlemen (besides some already mentioned): Messrs. Taylor, Hardaker, Sappington, English, Glatz, Lopas, Grant, Carson and others.

In 1862, the Wirt Chapel Christian church was organized in the Wirt schoolhouse by Elder G. W. Ingersoll, and its house of worship, in the western portion of the township, was built in 1875. Among its first pastors were Elders Ingersoll, Daniel Conner and Daniel Gray. Several Baptist ministers held irregular services at Oblong village in early days, among them Daniel Doly, Richard Newport, Daniel Parker and Thomas Canady. The denomination built a church in the eastern part of Oblong and organized a society in 1872. The members at that time were Margaret and D. W. Odell, Margaret Eaton, John B. Smith, Christian Eoff, Nancy Smith, Samuel R. Mock, Eliza Ellis, Amelia Mock and Blanche Gill.

The Universalist church of Oblong, with a membership of twenty, was organized in 1873, and built a house of worship the same year, Rev. Mr. Harris being the first pastor. He has been followed by Rev. C. C. Neff, Rev. M. L. Pope, Rev. S. S. Gibb and others.

MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP CHURCHES.—In the matter of religious work in Montgomery Township, Wesley Chapel (Methodist Episcopal) takes the lead in seniority, having been organized in 1825 by Rev. John Stewart, one of the pioneer Methodist preachers in the Wabash Valley. Among the persons who participated in its formation were Smith Shaw and his wife, L. B. Carter, James and Nancy McCord, John and Mary Fox, Nancy Funk, Margaret Carter, Edward L. Cullom, Mary Cullom, Jacob and William Garrard and their wives, and Daniel and Christian Funk. Its first place of worship, a 26 by 40 feet frame structure, was built in 1845, and in 1879 another edifice, 30 by 50 feet, was erected. This congregation has had a number of offshoots, among them being one at Palestine. The list of early pastors includes the names of Rupert Delapp, William McReynolds, John McReynolds, Samuel Hulls, James M. Massey, Asa McMurtry, James F. Jaquess and many more.

Canaan Baptist church was founded about 1820, by Elder Daniel Parker, and was first called the "Little Village Baptist church." It was organized near Fort Allison, and later moved to Montgomery Township. Liberty Baptist church was organized July 15, 1843, by Elders William S. Bishop and Stephen Kennedy. Among its original members were Rebecca Rush, Amos Rich, D. Y. and Sarah Allison, Elizabeth Highsmith, Sina Allen, Isaac Martin, Thomas F. Highsmith, William V. Highsmith, Mary Martin, and Benjamin and Jane Long. The first house of worship, a log building, was 18 by 20 feet in size, to which an addition of the same dimensions was afterwards made. Its list of early pastors include Elders Hezekiah Shelton; A. J. Fuson, Solomon D. Monroe and D. Y. Allison The Society built its second church edifice in 1874. From its membership two other churches were organized.

A few families, mainly from East Tennessee, constituted the nucleus of the United Presbyterian church of the village of Morea, as well as the Associated and United Presbyterian churches of Duncanville, which were under the supervison of the Northern Indiana Presbytery and were organized by Rev. James Dixon. A. J. Rankin was the first pastor, being installed in 1852. Some years afterwards a church edifice was erected which served as a place of worship until the early '70s. Mr. Rankin was succeeded by Rev. J. D. McNay, and during his pastorate the societies were united under the name of the United Presbyterian church. This church was split into two factions, one portion being organized under the care of the Presbytery of Southern Indiana, with thirty-eight members, Rev. Alexander McHatton, becoming the pastor in 1861. They erected the first building in the

village of Morea. An offshoot of this society erected a church edifice at Duncanville, the minister being Rev. Hugh MacHatton who was followed in turn by Rev. O. G. Brockett.

The Green Hill Methodist Episcopal church was organized in the early '50s, with twelve members, the church edifice being dedicated by Presiding Elder C. J. Houts, and being used also by the Christian denomination as their place of worship.

Good Hope Baptist church, one of the earliest religious organizations of the township, held its first services in a log building in 1848, among its first members being George Parker, Hiram Jones, Sampson Taylor and wife, W. F. Allen, William Croy, S. Goff and William Carter.

The United Brethren church at New Hebron was built by public subscription in 1855, Rev. Mr. Jackson being one of its early ministers, and Samuel Bussard and the Gear family among its first members.

MARTIN TOWNSHIP CHURCHES.—The first religious exercises in Martin Township were held in a barn belonging to Daniel Martin, and were conducted by Elder Stephen Canady, a Baptist preacher. The men took their wives and children to the place of meeting, waiting outside until the end of the services, when they shouldered their guns and hied to the woods to spend the remainder of the day in hunting.

Jesse York, of Oblong Township, started the first Methodist society in the dwelling of Joseph Garrard, about the year 1846, the original members of the class being Mr. and Mrs. Samuel R. Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. John Haskins, Jacob Garrard and his wife, Polly Garrard, Lillis Peacock and his wife, Caroline Donald and Margaret Higgins Rev. Mr. York, a very earnest and diligent minister, preached a number of years, and Dr. Hally, an equally devoted worker in the cause, added considerably to the congregation. Periodical services were later held in the schoolhouse until 1881, when, together with the United Brethren the church erected a house of worship just north of Hardinville.

The Hardinville Christian church was organized in 1850, services being held in the schoolhouse until a church edifice was erected in 1858 by general subscriptions. Among the pastors and stated supplies have been Elders Morgan, Allan G. McNees, F. M. Shirk, Messrs. Beard and Lockhart, P. C. Cauble, John Crawford and Salathiel Lamb.

HONEY CREEK CHURCHES.—The first religious service in Honey Creek Township of which any account has been handed down were held in the old Lamotte schoolhouse, and were conducted by Elder Daniel Parker, who preached in all the counties in this part of the State. John Parker, his brother, also of the Hardshell Baptist persuasion, likewise preached first in the cabins, and afterwards in the schoolhouse, and Thomas Kennedy was one of the pioneer Baptist preachers of the township.

Bethel Presbyterian church, founded in 1853 by Rev. Joseph Butler had among its first members John Duncan and Mrs. S. M. Duncan, A. D. Delzell, Mrs. M. E. Delzell, William Delzell, Mrs. M. J. Delzell and L. B. Delzell.

Beckwith Prairie Presbyterian church was organized by Rev. E. Howell, Rev. Allan McFarland and Elder Finley Paull, with twenty-eight members, and built its house of worship in 1859. The first elders were James Richey, Samuel J. Gould and William Delzell, and its early ministers included A. McFarland, J. C. Thornton, Aaron Thompson, Thomas Spenser, and John E. Carson.

FRATERNAL ORDERS.—Robinson Lodge, No. 250, A. F. & A. M., of Robinson was organized in 1856, the charter members being John T. Cox, Charles Meilley, Joseph H. Huls, John D. Smith, Daniel Perrine, J. C. Ruddell, J. M. Alexander, and Irving Heustis. Its first master was John T. Cox, with Daniel Perrine as Senior Warden, J. H. Huls as Junior Warden, D. M. Mail, Treasurer and Irving Heustis, Secretary.

Robinson Royal Arch Chapter, No. 149, was organized December 1, 1871, the more prominent charter members being W. F. Fleek, S. Taylor, J. O. Steel, John Newton, I. D. Mail, J. L. Cox, J. M. Jarrett, S. Midkiff, A. J. Haskett, C. M. Patton, E. Callahan, William C. Wilson, William C. Jones, George W. Harper and William Dyer. The charter of this organization was allowed to lapse. The charter members of Crawford Lodge, No. 24, I. O. O. F., formed in 1855, were James S. Barbee, William Barbee, William C. Wilson, S. H. Decius and A. W. Gordon.

In August, 1880, was organized Robinson Lodge, No 1744, Knights of Honor, among the charter members being: I. L. Firebaugh, Peter Walker, Zalmon Ruddell, C. H. Grube, A. B. Houston, J. P. Murphy, J. C. Olwin, M. C. Mills, A. H. Waldrop and T. S. Price.

Hutsonville Lodge, No. 136, A. F. & A. M. was

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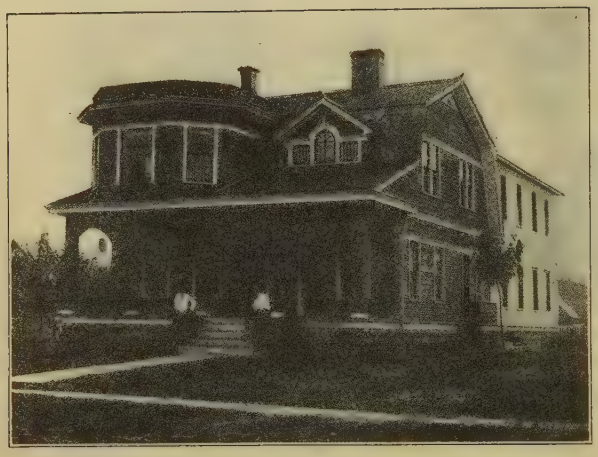

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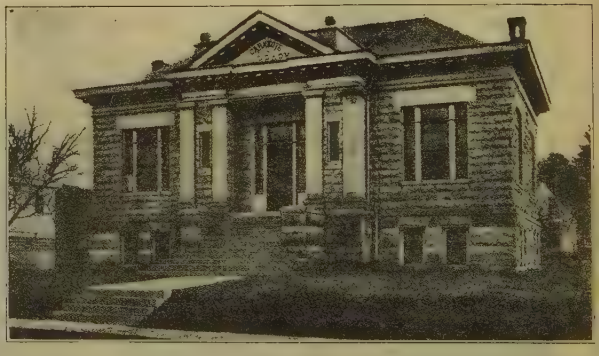

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organized October 5, 1853, under E. B. Ames, Grand Master. Its first officers were B. F. Robinson, Master; Joshua Davis, Senior Warden; and J. J. Petri, Junior Warden. Hutsonville Lodge, No. 106, I. O. O. F., was organized October 15, 1852, under W. L. Rucker, Grand Master, the charter members being Andrew P. Harness, J. M. Wilhite, W. T. McIntire, Liberty Murphy and J. N. Cox. Osmer Lodge, K. of H., was organized June 9, 1881, among the charter members being C. Rodgers, John Olwin, C. V. Newton, C. W. Keys, William Eaton, M. P. Rackerby, Daniel Holderman and J. L. Musgrave.

GRAND ARMY POSTS.—There are four Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic at the present time in Crawford County, viz.: Alfred Harrison Post, No. 152, Palestine; Henry Longenecker Post, No. 171, Robinson; Albert Wood Post, No. 175, Oblong; and Joseph Shaw Post, No. 235, Annapolis.

CHAPTER X.

EDUCATIONAL.

EARLY SCHOOLS IN CRAWFORD COUNTY—SOME OF THE OBSTACLES WHICH THE PIONEER SETTLERS HAD TO MEET—PRIMITIVE SCHOOL HOUSES AND LACK OF ACCOMMODATIONS—SOME EARLY TEACHERS—SCHOOL HISTORY BY TOWNSHIPS.

The progress of education in the early days of Crawford County, as elsewhere in this section of the State, was slow. Many of the pioneers came from the South, where interest in educational matters was at a low ebb. Moreover, the population was scattered and composed of persons of small means, and there were neither schoolhouses nor funds for building them, while means were lacking for paying the wages of teachers. Text-books were wanting, also, and persons competent to teach but physically robust, were needed to carry on the preliminary work of establishing homes and developing farms. As the population increased, and progress was made in material, the different neighborhoods began to open schools, using vacant cabins and empty stables or other outbuildings for school purposes. The schoolhouses built, both in villages and country, by the united labor of the residents, in their respective localities were usually cabins of the most primitive character, with clap-board roofs, crude fire-places, slab desks, puncheon floors and glassless windows. The teachers were paid by individual subscription, each parent agreeing to pay from fifty to seventy-five cents monthly per scholar. In these humble places were trained the minds of many a child who afterwards bore a conspicuous part in the affairs of the county, State and Nation.

The first school in Crawford County was established in the town of Palestine and, for a long period, that place was known as the principal point in Southeastern Illinois from which school influences emanated. The county records show that as early as May, 1818, Joseph Kitchell, Harvey Kitchell, Asa Kitchell and William Wilson entered into a contract by bond with Smith Shaw, John Cowan, and Benjamin Eaton, Trustees of the School at Palestine, the condition of which was that Joseph Kitchell, the principal founder of the town of Palestine, should furnish to the said trustees a deed for Lot 1, in said town, to be used for school purposes within three years from date. As the village grew more populous, another schoolhouse was erected in the town with the aid of the Masonic Fraternity, which reserved for its use the upper story for lodge meetings.

SCHOOLS IN ROBINSON TOWNSHIP.—The advance of education in the new county-seat kept pace with its business development. Although records of the early schools are meager, the first one is believed to have been started in the late '40s (about 1848) in a log house, with William Grimes as teacher. For a considerable period space in the court house was appropriated to school purposes, and in later years a two-story frame building was erected for the occupation of the public school. In the early '80s the attendance with Prof. S. G. Murray in charge, assisted by D. G. Murray, W. G. Hale, Mrs. Flora B. Lane and Miss Mary Firman.

PALESTINE EARLY SCHOOLS.—Of the early schools of Palestine, but scanty records are available, it being known, however, that a school was taught there by George Calhoun in 1820, and ten years later, a building, previously referred to herein, and jointly owned by the School

Board and the Masonic Order, was occupied for school and lodge purposes, until the dissolution of the lodge, being afterwards devoted in its entirety to educational work until its space failed to accommodate the pupils. The old court house was used in its stead when Robinson became the county seat, continuing in such occupancy until a new schoolhouse was erected in the old public square about 1871. The attendance then amounted to about 250 children. Among the early teachers were Prof. James A. Maxwell, Principal, Prof. Buzzard, Miss Lizzie Alexander, and Miss Mary Goram.

Licking Township Schools.—It is believed that one of the first schools in Licking Township was taught by "Ricks" Arnold, in 1837. Among the teachers next following him was Sarah Ann Curran, who taught in a log house which stood in the northern part of the township, and was formerly the home of James Dixon. The number of scholars was about twelve, and they recited their lessons to her for three months. The teacher in 1841 was named Hampton. He was held to be a very competent instructor, and his subscription term lasted for a like period. Two teachers were employed in 1843,—Sarah Handy, who taught in a room of Jonathan Dixon's house in the northern portion, and Huldah Woods, who used a deserted cabin a few miles southwest of Annapolis. For several years afterwards both of these ladies, who were quite efficient in their work, continued as teachers in different parts of the township. In 1844 John Metheny had charge of the school previously taught by Miss Woods, and in that year Ann Lamb conducted the school near Bellaire, Alice Vance and Louisa Vance teaching, about two years later, near the middle of the township. The Mount Pleasant School House, standing three miles south of Annapolis, was erected in 1846, and used for thirty years, the first teacher there being Elias Wilkins. From 1847 a hewed-log schoolhouse, built in the northeast corner of the township, was also occupied by the Quaker for "meeting" purposes during a period of ten years. It was sold in 1859, moved to Annapolis, and long used as a dwelling. The free-school system went into effect in 1855, districts being arranged and suitable and convenient frame buildings erected. Within a few years fifteen good schoolhouses were built and the schools were conducted seven months each year. It is probable that the first schoolhouse in Oblong Township was built in the early '30s, on Oblong Prairie near North Fork. The name of one of the first teachers was James Smith, the identity of his contemporaries having been lost in obscurity. The second schoolhouse, a hewed-log structure, was built about 1837, and the first man who taught in it was named Fithian. Succeeding him were Samuel Crumpton, John M. Johnston, Levi James, J. H. Price, and Peter Long. The place lapsed into disuse in 1863. The first frame schoolhouse was built in 1850, and was used twenty-six years, its location being in the northeast corner of the township. In 1851 the school lands were sold and a school fund was formed which resulted in the erection, during the next thirty years, of nine frame schoolhouses and one of brick, the latter being in Oblong.

First Schools in Martin Township.—The first schoolhouse in Martin Township, a small hewed-log cabin, stood just south of Hardinsville, and the first term was taught in 1842. Soon afterwards the cabin was moved to the village, being long occupied for school and church purposes. The second schoolhouse, also of hewed logs, was built about the year 1846, on the Bethel Martin farm north of Hardinville, the first teacher being William Cunningham, who had twenty scholars. Schools became more numerous after this date and the educational facilities of the township have been greatly increased.

Honey Creek School.—Of the first schoolhouse and teacher in Honey Creek Township, no records are available. As elsewhere in the county, any vacant cabin was utilized at the outset for school purposes, and the regular schoolhouses of that time were built of logs and presided over by subscription teachers.

CHAPTER XI.

THE PRESS.

EARLY NEWSPAPERS ESTABLISHED IN CRAWFORD COUNTY—GEORGE W. HARPER, A PROMINENT FACTOR IN NEWSPAPER LIFE—WABASH SENTINEL.

THE FIRST PAPER IN THE COUNTY, ESTABLISHED AT HUTSONVILLE—NUMEROUS CHANGES AND BRIEF CAREERS OF ITS SUCCESSORS—THE RURALIST AND CRAWFORD BANNER HAVE A BRIEF EXISTENCE—THE ROBINSON GAZETTE AND PALESTINE YELLOW JACKET EARLY DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN ORGANS—OTHER JOURNALS OF AN EARLY PERIOD—CRAWFORD COUNTY PAPERS OF THE PRESENT DAY.

The following quotation from an anonymous source furnishes a fitting introduction to a brief history of the early newspaper press of Crawford County: "The local paper is not only a business guide, but it is a pulpit of morals; it is a kind of public rostrum where the affairs of state are considered; it is a supervisor of streets and roads; it is a rewarder of merit; it is a social friend, a promoter of friendship and good will. Even the so-called small matters of a village or incorporate town are only small to those whose hearts are too full of personal pomposity." We venture also to quote in this connection the following from the pen of George W. Harper, one of the early editors of the town of Palestine: "It is very important if some schoolboy or schoolgirl reads a good essay, or speaks well a piece, or sings well a song, or stands high in the classroom, that kind mention should be made publicly of such success, for more young minds are injured for want of cheering words, than are made vain by an excess of such praise. In the local papers, the marriage bell tolls more solemnly than in the great city dailies. The rush and noise of the metropolis take away the joy from items about marriages, and detract from the solemnity of the recorded death; but when the local paper records a marriage between two favorites of society, all the readers see the happiness of the event; and equally, when the columns of such a home paper tells us that some great or humble person has gone from the world, we read with tears, for he was our neighbor or friend."

The first newspaper published in Crawford was independent in politics, and was styled the *Wabash Sentinel*. Hutsonville was the place of its issue in 1852 by George W. Cutler, formerly of Evansville, Ind., whence he brought the equipment for the new office. About a year later, the plant became the property of Ethelbert Callahan, at that time a teacher in Hutsonville, but subsequently one of the most prominent lawyers in his section of the State. The name of the paper was changed to the *Journal*, and in the course of a year, it was sold and moved to Clark County. The next newspaper enterprise was the *Ruralist*, founded in Palestine by Samuel R. Jones, in 1856. Mr. Jones came from the Old Dominion and had been a religious pupil of the famous Alexander Campbell, and was himself a lawyer, preacher, doctor and editor. Under his management, the *Ruralist* was non-political, but devoted to the idea of "reform" in connection with all issues needing reform according to the editor's views. George W. Harper was employed to attend to the printing of the *Ruralist*, early in the winter of 1856, and soon afterward the conduct of the paper devolved upon him, and its field was changed to that of literature and local news. The enterprise was abandoned in the fall of 1857.

The *Crawford Banner*, an independent paper of Hutsonville, was published by W. F. Rubottom from July 1, 1857, to October 1858, when it was discontinued.

The earliest newspaper in Robinson and the first political organ in Crawford County, was the *Gazette* which was issued December 12, 1857, by G. W. Harper from the plant of the *Ruralist* which he had moved from Palestine to Robinson. It continued until 1858, strongly advocating the interests of the Douglas Democracy.

A Republican paper under the title of the "*Yellow Jacket*," under the management of Dr. A. Malone and E. Logan was launched at Palestine in December, 1859, and made a local sensation in the campaign of 1860, suspending about two years later.

The *Crawford County Bulletin*, a Democratic paper owned by Hon. John C. Allen of Palestime, was started at Robinson in July, 1860, under the direction of Horace P. Mumford, and was published until the fall of 1862. Mumford had entered the army in September, 1861, becoming a dashing cavalry officer, and rising to the rank of Major.

The *Monitor* and the *Bulletin*, were two short-lived enterprises, each of which had an existence of about six months at Robinson. In 1863, John Talbot bought the equipment of the *Bulletin;* and started the *Constitution* at Robinson, an able Democratic paper, which he published about three years, then relinquishing the control to his son Henry. The latter soon died, and the father again took charge in January, 1868, final-

ly yielding the management to his son Richard, who sold his interest in 1879 to Thomas S. Price, then County Clerk. In 1880, the *Constitution* again passed into the control of Richard Talbot.

The initial issue of the *Robinson Argus*, under the management of George W. Harper, occurred December 10, 1863, and finally developed into one of the most influential and valuable newspapers in Southeastern Illinois. The town had less than 800 population at the time of the establishment of this paper, which was printed in a small room, containing but one window, measuring 10 by 12 inches.

The *Real-Estate Advertiser*, an interesting monthly publication, under the management of Andrew E. Bristol, was started in October, 1871, at Palestine, but was discontinued after its second issue by reason of Mr. Bristol's death.

In 1874, a small paper called the *Palestine News* was started and, in the course of six months, was removed by its publisher, N. M. P. Spurgeon, to Hutsonville, where it was given up in a short time.

The *Crawford Democrat*, which had but a brief existence, came out in Robinson in May 1879, Ira Lutes being its owner and editor.

In July, 1880, W. E. Caruthers, formerly connected with the *Argus*, issued a vivacious little paper under the name of the *Palestine Saturday Call*, also printing an edition for circulation in Hutsonville, called the *Herald*. These were "set up" in the *Argus* office and they lasted three months.

The following is a list of papers issued in Crawford County in 1908:

Robinson Argus (Republican), George W. Harper, editor and publisher.

Constitution (Democratic), F. W. Lewis, editor and publisher.

The *Crawford County Republican*, established in 1897 and conducted for some years by Maxwell & Baker, seems to have ceased publication between 1905 and 1907.

Hutsonville Herald (Independent), established in 1891, Franklin Kopta, editor and publisher 1907, having succeeded F. G. Apgar.

Oracle (Democratic), established at Oblong, 1894, J. Sheets editor and publisher.

Palestine Reporter, established in 1897, H. K. Alexander, editor and publisher, came under the management of C. F. Burridge & Co., with Cecil F. Burridge as editor previous to 1908.

All of the above list of papers are weekly except the *Palestine Reporter*, which is issued semi-weekly, and the "*Robinson Argus*," which is issued both daily and weekly.

CHAPTER XII.

CRAWFORD COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY.

FIRST ATTEMPT TO ORGANIZE A SOCIETY IN THE EARLY 'SIXTIES—NAMES OF THOSE WHO TOOK PART IN THE MOVEMENT—A RENEWED EFFORT IN 1874 PROVES ONLY TEMPORARILY SUCCESSFUL—PRESENT SOCIETY ORGANIZED IN 1880—FIRST OFFICERS AND SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS—WHAT THE SOCIETY HAS ACCOMPLISHED FOR CRAWFORD COUNTY.

The first attempt to organize a medical society in Crawford County was early in the 'sixties, between 1861 and 1863. Dr. S. D. Meserve, Dr. Bringle, Dr. Watts, Dr. Taylor, and a few others met in Robinson in the early summer and effected the organization of a medical society. Dr. S. D. Meserve was honored by being chosen President, and Dr. Taylor, of Porterville, was Secretary.

This society soon collapsed, and it was not until 1874 that the attempt was again made to organize a permanent society, Dr. S. D. Meserve being again elected President, Dr. J. S. Thompson, Palestine, Secretary, and Dr. A. G. Meserve of Robinson, Treasurer. This society was also short-lived and collapsed from lack of interest, after a few meetings.

The present Crawford County Medical Society was organized as the result of a call issued by Drs. T. N. Rafferty and J. S. Thompson, both of Palestine. This meeting was held on the second Thursday in July, 1880, and was well attended. Dr. J. S. Thompson was elected President, and Dr. T. N. Rafferty Secretary, and these two officers were empowered to prepare a Constitution and By-Laws, and also a Fee-Bill. Proof that this work was well done is furnished in the copies of these still in existence. At a meeting of this society held in November of the same year, which was reported at length in

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the "Robinson Argus," Dr. M. C. Mendenhall and Dr. C. Barlow were appointed a committee to procure a book for the Secretary's reports of the meetings, to be kept as a permanent record of the society. This was evidently a serious and difficult task, as it was not until 1883 that the book was secured and records began.

At this meeting of the society in November, 1880, a Banquet was given at the old Robinson House, by the proprietor, J. U. Grace, which presumably was fully appreciated, as "The Argus" says a "vote of thanks was heartily tendered."

It is to be regretted that the records of all the medical meetings of the county previous to 1883 have been lost, as they would, no doubt, contain much information and many names of interest not only to the medical profession but to all residents of the county.

However, since the date mentioned, the old Secretary's book contains a faithful record of every meeting held up to the present time, and is now a volume of much interest to both the old and the newer physicans.

The society has missed very few regular meetings, which are held every second month, and are always well attended, and are regarded as the support and backbone for the profession of the county.

And if Crawford County is blessed with a modern and progressive medical fraternity, as she evidently believes she is, it is due in great measure to the active work and the ever-present guidance of one of the best county medical societies in the State of Illinois—"THE CRAWFORD COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY."

CHAPTER XIII.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY AND FAIRS.

BANK OF CRAWFORD COUNTY IN STATE HISTORY—A COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY ORGANIZED IN 1842—STORY OF TWO EARLY FAIRS—CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS, WITH LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE EARLY SOCIETY—A SECOND SOCIETY ORGANIZED IN 1856—LIST OF FIRST AND LATER OFFICERS WITH HISTORY OF SUCCESSIVE FAIRS—THIS SOCIETY GOES OUT OF BUSINESS IN 1893—THE GRANGERS' ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED DURING THE LATTER YEAR AND HAS SINCE HELD REGULAR FAIRS—THE ROBINSON HORSE FAIR ASSOCIATION.

(By William Swaren.)

Crawford County was one of the early organized counties of Illinois, and there are few people now living in our county who would believe that it was one of the first to organize and hold a County Fair. Nevertheless it is true that a County Agricultural Society was organized in 1842, and before the county-seat was removed to Robinson two fairs were held at Palestine, which was then the county capital. It was by accident that we obtained the old Constitution and By-laws of this early organization. Its members embraced the heads of families of our first pioneers, and were from all portions of our county then settled.

At that time the county was sparsely settled west of Robinson, hence the members of this organization were largely from the eastern portion. Of the sixty-seven signers of the Constitution of the first Agricultural Society, not one is living today, but their descendants are scattered all over the county. What a grand body of men they were, embracing, as they did, men in almost every station in life, from that of Governor down. But we shall have occasion to speak of them later on.

There are no records left showing a record of their Exhibits, nor any record telling of their finances. We are told that they held two fairs about a mile west of Palestine on ground belonging to the Wilson family, and they were quite successful and enjoyable occasions, bringing together as they did the early settlers of the county. At the request of many of the citizens of the county, we give the Constitution and the By-laws, and the names of the signers in full.

CONSTITUTION OF CRAWFORD COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

PREAMBLE.

Agriculture being the very foundation of our national and individual prosperity and happiness, the Mother of Commerce and Manufactories, and in our county, at least, the basis of all true Independence, we will endeavor to elevate her to that high and dignified station she so richly deserves.

We will cultivate ourselves, or encourage

others in cultivation, all branches of domestic industry and all such mechanical, chemical and scientific experiments as shall tend to improve the husbandry of the State and of this county in particular, and aid the United States Agricultural Society in her admirable and laudable efforts to advance agriculture to such a state of perfection as will make our country the admiration of the world.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1.—We, the subscribers, citizens of Crawford County and State of Illinois, agree to form ourselves into an association to be styled the Crawford County Agricultural Society, granting the right of membership to all citizens of the adjoining counties, or of the West, on the same terms with ourselves, viz.: That of paying the sum of fifty cents annually to the Treasurer of the Society, and conforming to its Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE 2.—The sole object of this society shall be to encourage home industry, the agricultural interest and the improvement of agricultural implements and stock in the County of Crawford.

ARTICLE 3.—As soon as thirty persons have enrolled themselves as members by signing this Constitution, the Society shall be organized by the election of Officers which shall consist of one President, three Vice-Presidents, one Treasurer, one Corresponding Secretary, one Recording Secretary, and an Executive Committee to consist of twelve members who, together, shall form an Executive Board. They shall be elected annually and hold office until their successors are chosen, and perform their respective duties without charge to the Society.

ARTICLE 4.—It shall be the duty of the President or, in his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents, to preside at all meetings of the Board and of the Society; through the Corresponding Secretary call special meetings, giving at least two weeks notice previous to such meetings; shall draw all drafts on the Treasurer for premiums or other expenditures of the Society, which drafts shall be countersigned by the Recording Secretary, and shall deliver, or have delivered, an address at the annual meeting of the Society.

ARTICLE 5.—It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to assist the President in the performance of his duties and they shall form a Board of inspection to conduct the annual election of officers.

ARTICLE 6.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and collect the annual subscription from the members and donations in aid of the Society, to pay out the same for premiums or other expenditures of the Society on the order of the acting President; shall render a written account as often as required to the Board of the amount of the Society's funds in his hands, and a report to be read at the annual meeting containing the items of the annual receipts and expenditures of the Society.

ARTICLE 7.—It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a full record of the proceedings of the Society in a plain and intelligent manner, its election of officers, list of premiums offered and awarded, together with the names and residences of the persons offering the same, the prices for which they will sell the same or similar articles to members of the Society or others, and the kinds of home manufacture or produce, if any, that will be received in exchange; shall furnish each of the officers of the Society a copy of the Constitution and By-laws and a list of the articles for which premiums are offered; the records to be at all times free for the inspection of any member of the Society.

ARTICLE 8.—It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to hold correspondence with the officers and members of the Society and with other Societies, to keep a record of all expenditures ordered by the Board and prepare such proceedings of the Society for publication as may, by the Executive Committee, be required.

ARTICLE 9.—It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to make appointments of the time of holding the Annual Fair or Exhibition, to make out as early in the year as practicable a list of crops, stock and other articles for which premiums will be offered; to procure the premiums for presentation, appoint the different committees of judges (which shall consist of three members each) to inspect the articles and stock offered for exhibition and award the premiums and certificate offered by the Society. The Board shall also give timely notice of the place of holding the Fair and make all necessary arrangements for conducting the same; shall avail themselves of all the means in their power to become acquainted with the agricultural improvements in other counties, or State, for the benefit of this Society; may, if consistent with the means of this Society and if approved of by a majority of the Society present at any meeting, introduce from other States or counties whatever they may think materially calculated to improve the agricultural interest of this county, whether it consist of improved stock, seeds, farming utensils, additional articles of cultivation or improved modes of culture, and make such disposition of the same for the benefit of this Society they may think proper. Shall visit the members of the Society at their residences in their respective neighborhood at least twice a year, for the purpose of consultation, imparting information or deriving knowledge from them for the benefit of the Society at large.

ARTICLE 10.—The Executive Board, when assembled in their official capacity, shall represent the Society and may pass what by-laws they may deem necessary for the better regulation of the Society not incompatible with this Constitution, and their will, expressed by a majority present, shall govern this Society in all matters except altering or amending the constitution.

ARTICLE 11.—The President, or one of the Vice-Presidents, the Corresponding and Record-

ing Secretaries, or, in the absence of either of the Secretaries, one appointed *pro tempore*, and seven members of the Executive Committee shall form a quorum to do business; provided, such notice as is required in the fourth article has been given the other members of the Board or when they meet pursuant to adjournment.

ARTICLE 12.—The annual election of officers after the first shall take place on the last day of the Fair. The vote shall be given by ballot and a regular record of the same kept by the Recording Secretary. The person having the highest number of votes for President shall be President; those having the second, third and fourth highest numbers of votes for President shall be the first, second and third Vice-Presidents. Those having the highest number of votes for the other offices shall be considered duly elected, their duties to commence immediately after the election. Three of the present members shall be nominated to act as judges, and two as clerks of the first election, after which said duties shall be performed by the Vice-Presidents and Secretaries.

ARTICLE 13.—No alterations or amendments of any part of this Constitution shall be made but at the annual meeting of the Society, two months regular notice being given of such proposed alterations or amendments, and to effect which two-thirds of the members present shall concern (vote).

ARTICLE 14.—All the Officers of this Society shall be citizens of the County of Crawford, and none but members of the Society will be allowed to compete for premiums offered except such ladies as belong to the family of a member. Ladies may, however, become members by the payment of one-half the sum required from others, be entitled to all the privileges of other members and have the additional privilege of voting by proxy.

The annual exhibition may be held at any place the Board may direct in the County of Crawford and at least six months notice shall be given of the crops, articles and animals for which premiums will be offered.

Approved September 17, 1842.

NATHAN MUSGRAVE,
Chairman.

C. H. Fitch,
Secretary.

A sufficient number having signed the constitution, an election was held the same day and, on the 29th, for officers, which resulted as follows:

President—John Houston. Vice-Presidents—Wm. N. Steel, Wm. Wilson, Nathan Musgrave, Treasurer—Findlay Paull. Corresponding Secretary—C. H. Fitch. Recording Secretary—W. B. Barker. Executive Committee—James B. Trimble, J. S. Otey, Robert C. Smith, R. C. Morris, Wm. Highsmith, Nelson Hawley, Frederick Mail, Eli Adams, David Meskimmons, John Newlin, Jr., J. D. Shepherd, Jonathan Purcell

The following citizens are signers of the Constitution and became members of the Society:

John Housten,	F. Mail,
P. O. Wilson,	Harriet Vaughn,
Jonathan Purcell,	T. V. Swearingen,
J. H. Wilson,	Elisha Fitch.
G. U. Smith,	E. S. Young,
Nancy Alexander,	Joel Minnick,
A. M. Nuttall,	Wm. Mitchel,
John B. Harper,	A. P. Harness,
Jas. B. Trimble,	W. B. Baker,
W. T. Grimes,	James Bradberry,
Edwin Fitch,	Eli Adams,
D. Meskimmon,	Wm. Wilson,
J. M. McLain,	B. H. McDowell,
A. C. French,	Isaac Walters,
S. Goodridge,	John Newlin,
Wm. Highsmith,	R. C. Wilson,
J. D. Shepherd,	Nelson Hawley,
David McGahey,	Thos. W. Boring,
G. B. Wilkins,	D. J. Martin,
John Newlin, Jr.	Allen McGahey,
W. M. Hurst,	T. F. Boatwright,
John Knight,	John Harness,
Richard G. Morris,	A. L. Brubaker,
W. N. Steel,	H. Hager,
James S. Otey,	E. G. Cozins,
I. O. Harness,	David Logan
Jesse Vaughn,	R. C. Smith,
J. M. Logan,	W. McDowell,
Joseph Sweringen,	P. C. Barlow,
C. H. Fitch,	Findley Paull,
Osmond McGahey,	Abigail Phelps,
Jacob Walters,	P. H. Nuttall,
Nathan Musgrave,	John Buntain.

This constitution was a model of excellence and was written in the neat hand-writing of Chester H. Fitch, an old and respected citizen of this county, who held the office of Surveyor. Augustus C. French was twice Governor of Illinois. Col. John Huston, its President, was an old and respected citizen, who held many positions of trust in our county. Several of the members of the Society were officers of the county and all held high positions in Society.

No other Fairs were held in our county until 1856. The following account will be interesting:

A large number of citizens of Crawford County met at Robinson on the 8th day of March, 1856, for the purpose of forming a County Agricultural

Society, the object of which would be to advance the industrial interest of the county in all its Departments. Isaac Wilkins, Esq., was called to the chair and J. R. Whitaker was chosen Secretary protem. The object of the meeting was briefly stated by W. H. Sterrett, Esq. On motion of Samuel Park the following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That all persons feeling an interest in the object of this meeting are invited to participate in its deliberation."

The form of constitution recommended by the State Society was adopted, the annual meeting of the Society to be held at Robinson.

On motion of Mr. E. Callahan, a committee of three was appointed to report permanent officers for the Society. The Committee reported as follows:

President—Samuel Park. Vice-Presidents—Allen Robertson, Wiley S. Emmons and C. M. Hamilton. Treasurer—W. H. Sterrett. Recording Secretary—J. R. Whitaker. Corresponding Secretary—E. Callahan.

On motion of W. H. Sterrett, Esq., the report of the Committee was adopted.

On motion the meeting adjourned to meet at Robinson, March 18th, at 10 o'clock A. M.

ISAAC WILKINS,
Chairman.

J. R. Whitaker,
Secretary.

From the official list of awards published in the "Ruralist," we learn that a very satisfactory Fair was held in Robinson September 23 and 24, 1856. The following letter from a well known citizen of our county, which is a report of the meeting, will be of interest:

"EDITORS PRAIRIE FARMER: Enclosed you will find minutes of a meeting to organize an Agricultural Society in Crawford County, sent you for publication. We have taken hold of this matter in earnest, and are determined to achieve a triumph. If your business men would take a correct view of their interest and tap this portion of the Wabash Valley with a Railroad, they would receive incalculable benefits from the trade which it would open to your City.

"Hoping to be a co-laborer in the work of agricultural reform, I remain

"Yours truly,
"E. Callahan,
"Corresponding Secretary."

In 1856 Samuel Parks was elected President and E. Callahan Secretary. These officers succeeded themselves in 1857. The Fairs of 1856 and 1857 were held in the Court House Square in Robinson, Ill. These Fairs were largely attended by the citizens of our county and the exhibits were good and quite a number. There was a good exhibit of horses, cattle, hogs, sheep and poultry, as well as domestic exhibits. The street around the square was used as a race track and some very interesting races were had and were enjoyed by the people in attendance. Stimulated by the success of these Fairs it was resolved by the Fair Board to buy ground for the purpose of holding future Fairs, and accordingly five acres were purchased in the northeast part of Robinson, now known as Beatty's Addition to the City of Robinson.

In the year 1858 B. H. McDowell was elected President and C. H. Fitch Secretary. A race track of one-eighth of a mile was laid out in the woods, pens for stock and a floral and agritural hall were erected to display the exhibits, and additions were made from time to time during the remaining years this ground was occupied for Fair purposes.

Findley Paull succeeded Mr. McDowell as President in the year 1859, and C. H. Fitch was re-elected Secretary. Isaac D. Mail succeeded Mr. Paull as President in the year 1860, and Mr. C. M. Patton was elected Secretary. Successful Fairs were held during these years and a growing interest was manifested by our people.

With the advent of the Civil War in the year 1861, the Agricultural Society was compelled to close and no more Fairs were held until the year 1865, when W. S. Emmons was elected President and Chester H. Fitch Secretary. Both officers were re-elected in the year 1866. Finly P. Wilson was elected President in 1867, and C. M. Patton Secretary. James L. Woodworth was elected President in 1868, and C. M. Patton was re-elected Secretary. James Lamb was elected President in the year 1869 and 1870, and Joel M. Longenecker was elected Secretary. Interesting Fairs were held from the years 1865 to 1870. A goodly display of stock and other exhibits were always to be seen and the racing was of the wildest and most exciting character, as the horses were compelled to go eight times around the track to make a mile. These races were participated in by Dr. W. H. Roberts with "Billy Bar," Major A. Sparks with "Frank," Dr. McNeece, David W. Fought, Finley Wilson, David Logan, Harvey C. Brigham and Dr. P. P. Connett also contributing harness horses for the sport. M. B. Hamilton drove Mr. Brigham's pacing horse, which was the first horse to make a mile in two minutes and thirty seconds in Crawford County. A three-minute horse was then a rarity, but these races furnished as much

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sport to the lookers on as the best racing of the present time. Horses, cattle, hogs, sheep and poultry showed a steady improvement and an increasing interest was shown in the Floral Hall exhibits. The officers deserve great credit for the zeal and interest they manifested in conducting these Fairs. The receipts were sufficiently large to pay all premiums and leave them without any indebtedness at this period of the Society's history.

The constantly increasing interest and attendance at the Fairs compelled the officers to secure larger and more suitable quarters to accommodate the public. Accordingly a twenty-acre tract of land, one mile west of Robinson on the Vandalia Road, was purchased of Ephraim Burch. and the Crawford County Agricultural Society was henceforth installed in new and larger quarters. James Lamb, who was elected President for the year 1870, gave his personal attention to the preparation of the grounds for the ensuing Fair. The grounds were enclosed, a large number of stalls were built, Floral and Agricultural Halls were erected, and Robert Morrison built a large amphitheatre on the south side of the new half-mile race track. The race track was placed in excellent condition and the buildings erected were of a substantial character. Four wells were dug and plenty of water obtained for the use of the Fair. Mr. Lamb and his assistants had the satisfaction of seeing an excellent Fair on the new grounds that year. The money realized from this Fair and the sale of the old grounds was quite sufficient to put the Society in good condition.

Hickman Henderson was elected President for the years 1871 and 1872, and Major Guy S. Alexander was elected Secretary for these years, and successful Fairs were held. William Updike sueceeded Mr. Henderson as President, and Major Guy S. Alexander was re-elected Secretary. During this year some improvements were made and a good Fair was the result.

James S. Kirk was elected President for the year 1874, William Swaren was elected Secretary and William Parker Treasurer of the Society. This year the Society obtained $300 from the State. This first published report to the State was sent by the writer, who was then Secretary, and from that report we find the amount of premiums paid were $809.50. The total number of entries were 376 in all departments. The number of persons belonging to the Society was 528. The time of holding the Fair on that year was from September 30th to October 3rd. The fair was well attended. One of the grand attractions was a balloon ascension, which was the first ever witnessed by the citizens of this county and drew large crowds, and it is fairly estimated that a crowd of 4,000 persons attended the Fair.

William Updike succeeded James S. Kirk as President; O. Newlin, Sargent Newlin and A. J. Reavill were the Vice-Presidents; W. Swaren, Recording Secretary; W. L. Heustis, Assistant Secretary; W. Parker, Treasurer; D. M. Bales, Marshal. The amount of premiums offered in 1874 was $1,200. The number of entries was 469 in all the departments, showing quite an increase over previous years. The inventory taken of the Society's property amounted to $2,000.

I. D. Mail succeeded William Updike as President in the year 1875; J. M. Highsmith, T. J. Sims, J. H. Taylor were elected Vice-Presidents; William Swaren re-elected Secretary. and W. Parker Treasurer. Time of holding Fair was September 28, 29, 30 and October 1st; number of entries 516; amount of premiums offered $1,609.50; amount of premiums paid $1,005.

James S. Kirk succeeded I. D. Mail as President in the year 1876; McClung Caywood, W. A. Hope, W. Athey became Vice-Presidents; W. Swaren Secretary, and W. Parker Treasurer. The amount of premiums offered was $1,449.75; the number of entries in all departments, 485. The officers of 1876 suceeded themselves in 1877. The number of entries were 705 and the amount of the premiums offered $1,359.

In the year 1878 P. P. Connett succeeded James S. Kirk as President; W. A. Hope, M. Caywood and A. C. Burner were the Vice-Presidents; William Parker, Treasurer, and William Swaren, Secretary. The amount received for gate and entrance fees was $1,268.80; for booth rents and permits, $305.55; paid out in premiums, $872; for buildings, $396.44.

P. P. Connett succeeded himself as President in the year 1879, and the following were elected Vice-Presidents: A. C. Burner, G. Athey and John H. Taylor; for Secretary, W. Swaren; for Treasurer, W. Parker. This year the gate and entrance fees were $1,485; booth rents and permits, $310; received from the State, $100; paid out in premiums, $1,318; for current and other expenses, $339.20. The Fair this year was well attended and was a success financially.

In the year 1880 William Updike was elected President, and S. B. Allen, B. Woods, J. M. Highsmith and J. L. Woodworth Vice-Presidents; L. V. Chaffee Secretary; William Parker Treasurer. This year the gate and entrance fees were $1,495.20; for booth rents and permits, $403; paid in premiums, $1,449; for buildings and other expenses, $264.30.

The year 1881 started in prosperously, but in June of that year a drought set in which lasted until the 17th of September. The chinch bugs were also very bad in Illinois, and between the bugs and the drought the crops that year were an entire failure. The officers were re-elected for the year 1881, but owing to the season it was determined to hold no Fair.

In the year 1882 L. E. Stephens was elected President, L. V. Chaffee Secretary and W. Parker Treasurer. The amount received for gate and entrance fees and from other sources was $2.129.35; total amount paid for premiums, $1,-139.50; for buildings, $355; other expenses, $400.

In the year 1883 L. E. Stephens was re-elected President, William Parker Treasurer and William Swaren Secretary. Two fine Fairs were held under Dr. Stephens' administration. Harness races were his special features and the exhibits were good, especially horses and sheep. Mr. McRoberts showed some fine horses and sheep from Canada at that Fair.

In 1884 P. P. Connett was elected President, William Swaren Secretary, W. Parker Treasurer. Received from all sources, $1,429.55; paid out for premiums and other expenses, $1,429.55.

In the year 1885 the same officers were re-elected, and in 1886 the same result occurred, except A. R. Short was elected Treasurer. Dr. P. P. Connett was a very enthusiastic Fair man. and three very successful Fairs were held during his administration. He was a great lover of horses, and some very fine harness-racing was witnessed during these Fairs. Other exhibits were good and the Fair prosperous.

In the year 1887 L. N. Marbry was elected President, W. Swaren Secretary and A. R. Short Treasurer. The receipts for the Fair were $1,-704.25; premiums, $856.25; other expenses, $824.64, leaving a balance in Treasury of $23.34.

The advent of Mr. McRoberts with Clydesdale horses in 1883 produced quite a change in the draft horse classes in our county and told favorably, and already Clyde-Percherons raised in our county were exhibited at our Fairs. The county also produced many fine Hereford short-horns Polled-Angus and Jersey cattle, which were exhibited by our own citizens, while few counties could boast of better sheep and hogs.

George L. Walter succeeded L. N. Marbry as President in 1888, W. Swaren was re-elected Secretary and A. R. Short Treasurer. These officers succeeded themselves in 1889, and again in 1890. Successful Fairs were held during these years and the exhibits in the various departments showed quite an interest taken by the people. Racing, that had long been open to the general public, had grown to be quite a feature of the Fair.

In the year 1891 C. L. Hurst was elected President, W. Swaren was re-elected Secretary and A. R. Short Treasurer. The receipts for this year were $1,871.95, which was all paid out for premiums and expenses. The exhibits were good, the races all filled and the attendance fine. The weather was excellent and the Fair was an enjoyable occasion.

The same officers were re-elected in 1892. The receipts for this year were $1,415.72, and a successful Fair held. Mr. G. L. Walters succeeded L. C. Hurst as President, C. M. Shedden was elected Secretary and S. S. Reinoehl Treasurer. This was the last Fair on the old Fair Grounds. It was determined by the Board to sell the old Fair Ground and purchase a new one, and accordingly the old ground was sold to Sylvester King for the consideration of $1,000, but no new ground was ever purchased nor have any Fairs been held since by the Crawford County Agricultural Society. The money belonging to the Society is still in the hands of S. S. Reinoehl, who was its last Treasurer. The Fair should be resuscitated by a County Society. and interest should be taken in it as of yore.

During the years of the Fairs I have mentioned, such familiar figures as Ex-Sheriff William Johnson, Hon. J. M. Highsmith, Capt. William Wood, William Athey, Bennett Wood, James L. Woodworth, Alva Burner, Orlando Walker, Lon Wesner, George Barlow, D. B. Cherry, Hon. A. J. Reavill, Robert Wood, Frank Newbold, James McCoy, W. A. Hope, McClung Caywood, Oliver Newlin, Sargent Newlin, A. B. Housten, G. W. Jones, John D. Trimble, John H. Taylor, D. Evans, H. C. Brigham, Robert Lincoln, were always present and aided and assisted by their presence as Marshal. Superintendent or Vice-Presidents of the Association, and were active and energetic in their work. The Society was always harmonious and the officers vied with

each other to make evrything pleasant and agreeable to strangers, as well as to our own citizens. The Fairs were a success financially, and were wound up with about $600 in the Treasury.

At the close of the Fair in 1893, the Grangers of Crawford County organized a Fair which met annually on their grounds, three miles northwest of Robinson. Their exhibits were largely farm products and domestic utilities. The Fair was continued for several years with good success until the purchase of Highland Park by the City of Robinson in the year 1904, when they moved their headquarters to Highland Park, and since that time have held Annual Fairs at Highland Park, which have been well attended and gave general satisfaction. A large amphitheatre has been erected, stalls and halls have been built and one of the finest half-mile race tracks in Southern Illinois has been made. Highland Park contains thirty-two acres of ground one-half mile south of the Court House, adjoining the City of Robinson. There is a fine brick paved street leading to its main entrance on South Cross Street. Both sides of the street have fine concrete walks and the Park is beautifully laid out and planted in forest and shade trees, making it one of the most attractive parks in Southeastern Illinois.

The Robinson Horse Fair Association also holds annual races on these grounds. Such men as Charles Coulter, Savilla Shipman. Jr., A. J. Crum, John W. Purcell, William Wood and Alfred Rhodes and Henry Coulter have contributed to the success of these Fairs. The grounds were purchased under the administration of Mayor Harry E. Otey. C. S. Jones, with O. Hedden. Engineer, directed the laying out and beautifying of these grounds. They were then leased out to the Fair Association for a term of years. and some attractive Fairs may be looked for in the future, as the Society is already on a paying basis.

Robinson, Illinois. December, 1908.

CHAPTER XIV.

WAR HISTORY.

LIST OF CITIZENS OF CRAWFORD COUNTY WHO TOOK PART IN THE BLACK HAWK WAR—COMPANY ORGANIZED FOR THE MEXICAN WAR FAILS TO SECURE SERVICE—FIRST COMPANY ORGANIZED FOR THE CIVIL WAR SEES ITS FIRST SERVICE UNDER GENERAL GRANT AS COLONEL—OTHER COMPANIES FROM CRAWFORD COUNTY WHICH TOOK PART IN THE STRUGGLE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE UNION—LIST OF OFFICERS AND PRIVATES WHO SERVED IN EACH.

A considerable number of the pioneer settlers of Crawford County had taken part in the War of 1812, but no details have been preserved of their individual participation. In the Black Hawk War, the county did her full share, sending two full companies, besides furnishing recruits for bodies of troops organized elsewhere. The company under Capt. William Highsmith, which was attached to the Second Regiment, Second Brigade, was mustered into service in June, 1832. Samuel V. Allen was First Lieutenant; John H. McMickle, Second Lieutenant; B. B. Piper, Thomas Fuller, William McCoy and John A. Christy, Sergeants; Nathan Highsmith, Martin Fuller, Jackson James and John Lagow, Corporals. The privates were: John Allen, Samuel H. Allison, David M. Allison, John Brimberry, John Barrick, Benjamin Carter, James Condrey, Thomas Easton, John Gregg, William R. Grise, Peter Garrison, Hiram Johnson, John Johnson, George W. Kinney, James Lewis, William Levitt, John L. Myers, A. W. Myers, Andrew Montgomery, Isaac Martin, John Parker, Sr., William Parker, Thomas N. Parker, John Parker, Jr., Amos Phelps, William Reese, Robert Simons, Thomas Stockwell, Jacob Vaunrinch and James Weger. This company was mustered out at Dixon's Ferry, Ill., August 2, 1832.

The other Crawford County company, which was mounted, formed part of the same regiment as Capt. Highsmith's, and was organized on the 19th of the same month. Its muster roll was as follows: Alexander M. Houston, Captain; George W. Lagow, First Lieutenant; James Boatright, Second Lieutenant; O. F. D. Hampton, Levi Harper, David Porter, and James Christu, Sergeants; Cornelius Doherty, James B. Stark, Joseph Jones, and Rivers Heath, Corporals; Francis Waldrop, Bugler; and George W. Baugher, Blanton Blathares, John Bogard, Andrew Baker, Alexander Boatright, Samuel Cruse, Silas S. Danforth, George B. Doughton, Edwin Fitch, Henry Fowler, John Goodwin, Silas Goodwin, Robert Gunton, John Hutton, Joseph

Hackett, John A. Hackett, William Hawkins, John Horine, Wickliffe Kitchell, James Kuykendall, Alexander Logan, Matthew Lackey, John McCoy, Johnson Neeley, Robert Porter, William Porter, William Pearson, Joseph Pearson, Edwin Pearson, Zalmon Phelps, Samuel Shaw, John Stewart, John F. Vandeventer, Vastin Wilson, and Jacob Winters, privates. By order of Brigadier General Atkinson, Capt. Houston's company was mustered out of service August 15, 1832.

Crawford County organized a company for the Mexican War, but too late to be accepted as part of the Illinois quota.

War for The Union.—Company I, Twenty-first Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, (Grant's regiment), was the first body of soldiers recruited in Crawford County for the Civil War. Its Captain was George W. Peck; First Lieutenant, Clark B. Lagow; Second Lieutenant, Chester K. Knight. On the promotion of Capt. Peck as Lieutenant Colonel, September 2, 1861, Lieut. Knight became Captain, serving until November 16, 1864. Lieut. Lagow was attached to the staff of General Grant, and resigned after the Battle of Iuka in consequence of rheumatism incurred in the service and injuries resulting from his horse falling under him. He was promoted to be Colonel of Volunters and subsequently to be Colonel in the regular army. The Twenty-first Illinois Regiment was engaged in many of the most sanguinary battles of the war, among them those at Perryville, Murfreesboro, and Chickamauga, the regimental command devolving on Capt. Knight in the last named engagement, the Colonel having been killed and the Lieutenant Colonel, wounded. The regiment was mustered out at San Antonio, Texas, December 16, 1865, returning to Illinois, and being discharged January 18, 1866.

Company D, Thirtieth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, which was recruited in Crawford County, went to the front with Thomas G. Markley as Captain; Michael Langton, First Lieutenant; and George E. Meily, Second Lieutenant. Capt. Markley fell at the battle of Belmont, November 7, 1861. Lieut. Meily, having been promoted to the captaincy, April 12, 1863, was killed on May 16, 1863. Patterson Sharp, who was made Captain, June 13, 1863, was mustered out July 8, 1865. Lieut. W. D. Hand was promoted to be Captain July 10, 1865, and Martin L. James, who was made Second Lieutenant, was mustered out July 17, 1865. The Thirtieth Regiment was organized August 28, 1861, and was engaged at Belmont, Fort Henry, Fort Donelson, Corinth, Champion Hills and Vicksburg. On January 1, 1864, it veteranized subsequently participating in the Atlanta campaign and marching with Sherman to the sea, was mustered out at Louisville, Ky., July 27, 1865, and discharged at Camp Butler, Ill.

Company D, Thirty-eighth Regiment Illinois Infantry was mainly recruited in Crawford County, with the following officers: Captain, Alexander G. Sutherland; First Lieutenant, James Moore; Second Lieutenant, Robert Plunkett. It was organized in September, 1861. Capt. Sutherland, resigned April 15, 1864, and was succeeded by Robert Duckwith, who resigned September 18, 1865. Lieut. Moore resigned May 29, 1863, and was succeeded by Nicholas Glaze, who was mustered out September 14, 1864. Robert Stewart, then promoted to First Lieutenant, was mustered out March 20, 1866, and Lieut. Plunkett mustered out in the fall of 1864. The regiment took part in the siege of Corinth, the Battle of Perryville, and in the capture of an ammunition train, two caissons and nearly a hundred prisoners. In the Battle of Stone River, it lost 34 killed, 109 wounded and 34 missing. It fought at Liberty Gap, and, at Chickamauga, lost 180 in killed, wounded and missing out of its complement of 301 men. On February 29, 1864, the regiment re-enlisted and went through the Atlanta campaign. It was mustered out December 31, 1865.

Company F, of the Sixty-second Regiment, was recruited in Crawford County, which also furnished two of its field officers, namely: Guy S. Alexander, who rose from Second Lieutenant to be Major of Company F, and Stephen F. Meeker, who was promoted from the rank of Major to Lieutenant Colonel. Company D of the same regiment also had some Crawford County men. The officers of the former company were as follows: Captain, Joseph Crooks; First Lieutenant, James J. McGrew; Second Lieutenant, Guy S. Alexander. The last named was promoted to be Captain December 16, 1864, Capt. Crooks having died in October 7, preceding and Lieut. McGrew having resigned. George B. Everingham, who had successively been Second and First Lieutenant, was promoted to Captain. George F. Dollihan was promoted to the First Lieutenancy, and transferred, and John E. Miller,

James Moore and Washington T. Otey were in turn made Second Lieutenants. The regiment was organized in April, 1862, at Auna, Ill., and went to Cairo, thence to Paducah and Columbus, Ky., and later to Tennessee and Mississippi. At Holly Springs, December 20, 1862, 170 of its men, including the Major and three Lieutenants, were captured by Gen. Van. Dorn's forces, but soon paroled. After seeing service in Mississippi and Arkansas in January, 1864, it re-enlisted as veterans being consolidated at Pine Bluff, Ark., into seven companies, and in July, 1865, was sent to Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, remaining in that region until March 6, 1866, when it was mustered out at Little Rock.

Company G, of the Sixty-third Illinois (also organized at Anna), was recruited in Crawford County, Joseph R. Stanford being Captain; W. B. Russell, First Lieutenant and W. P. Richardson, Second Lieutenant. On June 14, 1865, Capt. Stanford, was commissioned as Major; George W. Ball was made First Lieutenant. Russell resigned and died May 24, 1864, Charles G. Cochran then becoming First Lieutenant and afterwards Captain. Harvey G. Wycoff was promoted to First Lieutenant, Lieut. W. B. Russell having resigned in the spring of 1863, and George B. Richardson was made Second Lieutenant, being succeeded by Benjamin B. Fannam. The regiment was mustered into service in December, 1861, and went successively to Cairo, Ill., Jackson, Tenn., and Vicksburg. After the surrender of Vicksburg, it was sent to Helena, Ark., Memphis and in the direction of Chattanooga, taking part in the Battle of Mission Ridge. It re-enlisted January 1, 1864, took part in Sherman's march to the sea and was mustered out at Louisville, Ky., July 13, 1865. The Sixty-third contained originally 888 men, of whom 272 re-enlisted. During its service, it traveled by rail 2,208 miles; by water, 1,995 miles, and marched 2,250 miles.

A small number of men from Crawford County served in the Seventy-ninth Illinois but this county was more fully represented in the Ninety-eighth than in any other regiment. It was organized at Centralia, Ill., and mustered into service September 3, 1862, and went first to Kentucky, marching thence in the following November, into Tennessee. Late in December, it was ordered northward in pursuit of Gen. Morgan. Returning to Nashville, it was mounted March 8, 1863, and did scouting service until the Chattanooga campaign in which it took part. It was in the fights at Ringgold, Buzzard's Roost, Dallas and Marietta, afterwards doing its share in the capture of Selma, Ala., and finally being mustered out June 27, 1865. Two companies of the Ninety-eighth, D and E, were composed of Crawford County men. The commissioned officers were: William Wood, Captain; Jas. H. Watts, First Lieutenant and William G. Young, Second Lieutenant. On February 22, 1863, David L. Condrey became First Lieutenant, vice Watts, resigned, Second Lieutenant Young being promoted to the captaincy, December 5, 1864, on the resignation of Captain Wood. Archillas M. Brown was promoted to Second Lieutenant.

The following were the first officers of Company E: John T. Cox, Captain; Ira A. Flood, First Lieutenant, and Charles Wilson, Second Lieutenant. Lieut. Flood succeeded Capt. Cox April 13, 1863, and became Major of the regiment June 15, 1865. George B. Sweet became Second Lieutenant, then First Lieutenant and finally Captain. John Baes became Second Lieutenant, and then First Lieutenant. J. W. Jones was promoted to be Second Lieutenant, vice Lieut. Willard, who resigned March 20, 1863.

Company H of the One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Illinois, a 100-day regiment, was mainly made up in Crawford County. Its Captain was James B. Wicklin, and Philip Brown and A. D. Dey were its First and Second Lieutenants.

Company H of the One Hundred and Fifty-second Illinois, a one-year regiment, was enlisted in Crawford County, with George W. Beam as Captain, Wm. Dyer, First Lieutenant, and Ferdinand Hughes, Second Lieutenant. This regiment was organized February 18, 1865, and mustered out September 11, 1865.

The One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Illinois enlisted for one year, was organized February 18, 1865, and mustered out September 4, 1865. It contained a company mainly from Crawford County, the officers being: John W. Lowler, Captain; Ross Neeley, First Lieutenant, and Marshall C. Wood Second Lieutenant.

Company F, Fifth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Cavalry, was mostly composed of Crawford County men with the following officers: Captain Horace P. Mumford; First Lieutenant, Francis M. Dorothy; Second Lieutenant, Wm. Wagensueller, On May 24, 1863, Capt. Mumford became Major.

Lieut. Wagenseller was promoted to First Lieutenant, January 10, 1863, vice Lieut. Dorothy, and became Captain May 24, 1863. Thomas J. Dean was promoted to First Lieutenant, May 24, 1863, and Captain, July 5, 1864. James H. Wood was made Second Lieutenant, May 24, 1863, First Lieutenant, July 5, 1864, and Captain, September 20, 1864. Edwin P. Martin became Second Lieutenant, and then Adjutant, and Jacob Stifal was made First Lieutenant. James G. Bennett was promoted to Second Lieutenant, October 26, 1865. Quartermaster Robert C. Wilson and Surgeon William Watts were residents of Crawford County. Maj. Mumford, a most meritorious officer, died October 26, 1864, and Capt. Dean, September 20th of the same year.

A considerable number of men from Crawford County enlisted in Indiana and Missouri regiments, those of the latter State especially having many residents of this county on their muster rolls.

But one war draft affected the county during the Civil War, and the following table of quotas, credits and deficits, by precincts, shows the status of each in this respect:

Precincts	Quotas	Credits	Deficits
Hutsonville	176	166	10
Robinson	198	193	5
Watts	67	48	19
Licking	72	56	16
Martin	69	69	
Franklin	144	111	33
Embarras	55	44	11
Northwest	59	51	8
Montgomery	86	65	21
Oblong	55	49	6
Palestine	148	134	14
Southwest	20	17	3
Totals	1149	1003	146

Before the date set for the draft, the deficits were reduced by additional enlistments, the number finally required to complete the quota being as follows: Franklin 16; Watts 8; Licking 8; Hutsonville 1; Oblong 3; Northwest 4; and Montgomery 10; with a corresponding number of "reserves."

It will be seen from the foregoing war statistics, that the enlistments of Crawford County compare favorably with those of other counties of the State.

CHAPTER XV.

THE OIL INDUSTRY IN ILLINOIS.

EARLY SETTLEMENTS AND CONDITIONS IN CRAWFORD COUNTY—FIRST PROSPECTING FOR OIL IN CLARK COUNTY IN 1865—ROBERT AMES THE PIONEER PROSPECTOR IN CRAWFORD COUNTY—LATER AND MORE SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS—PHENOMENAL DEVELOPMENT SINCE 1900—LIST OF OIL COMPANIES OPERATING IN CRAWFORD COUNTY AND HISTORY OF THEIR RESPECTIVE ORGANIZATIONS—CONSEQUENT INCREASE OF POPULATION—SOME REMARKABLE ACCIDENTS AND MARVELOUS ESCAPES—CRAWFORD COUNTY IN THE CENTER OF THE OIL FIELD—DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCT OF 1908—NUMBER OF WELLS IN THE ILLINOIS OIL DISTRICT IN JANUARY, 1909.

(By Judge William C. Jones.)

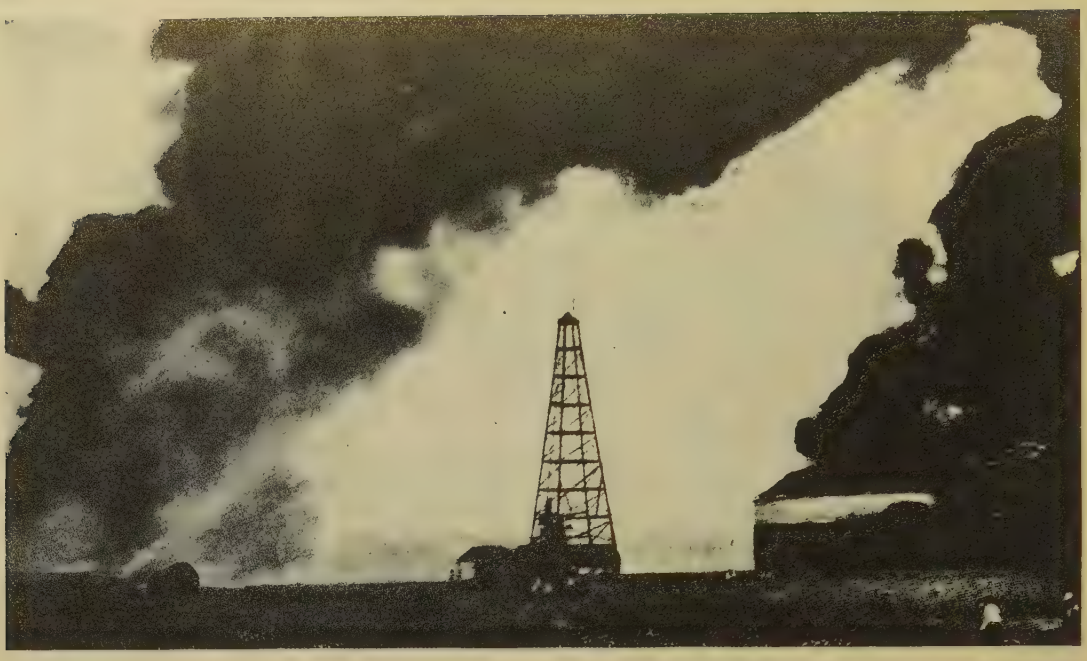
Crawford County was one of the earliest settled counties of Illinois. Lamotte Prairie, in the eastern portion of the county, is one of the most beautiful and fertile tracts of land in the State, and shortly after the settlement of Knox County, Indiana, a sturdy class of people came to this county and settled around Palestine, and later on, around Hutsonville, gradually extending over the county until it became one of the best agricultural sections of Southeastern Illinois.

The pioneer inhabitants were a sober, thrifty, industrious people, inured to hardships and strong in the faith for the future prosperity of their adopted country. They knew nothing about its mineral resources, but depended entirely upon its timber and agricultural products for a livelihood. Later on its people became stock-raisers and fruit-growers, and this county was equal to any in this section of Illinois in that line of industry.

Coal had been developed in small quantities in various portions of the county. It was obtained, however, only through surface mining, and used mostly for smithing purposes, and its production was entirely abandoned with the advent of the railroads in the year 1875. The earth, however, is a great storage plant, and beneath its surface was hidden large treasures that were unknown to the early settlers of this country.

WOODWORTH HOTEL

WEST HALF SOUTH SIDE PUBLIC SQUARE, ROBINSON



TANKS ON FIRE IN THE ILLINOIS OIL FIELD

Photographed by Lieut. M. V. Bodmaresku, of the Roumanian Artillery

LAYING PIPE LINE

In 1865 a company was organized in Clark County, Ill., for the purpose of mining for oil and gas. Quincy A. Robinson was President, and Robert L. Dulaney, Secretary. The first well in this section of Illinois was drilled in that year on the farm of ex-Congressman Young, in the western portion of Clark County. The prospectors succeeded in finding oil and gas in that well, but nothing ever came of their venture from a practical standpoint, save kindling the spark which, in after years, produced the flame which has spread over Eastern Illinois. At that time Clark and Crawford Counties were largely leased for the purpose of producing oil and gas. Nothing came of these ventures save the excitement naturally attendant upon it among our citizens. One or two attempts were made to sink wells in this county, the most notable one now remembered being by Robert Ames, of Oblong Township, on the McLain farm now owned by the Ohio Oil Company, the farm at this writing having sixteen fine oil wells upon it, and being used, also, by the Ohio Oil Company as a tank farm. Mr. Ames endeavored to put down his well by means of the old-fashioned spring pole, drilling it to a depth of 300 feet. Being termed a crank by his neighbors, meeting with disfavor on all sides and his money soon exhausted, he abandoned the first effort to find oil in Crawford County in the very section that has since proven to be one of the most profitable oil pools in this State.

In 1884 William Creswell and Joseph Creswell, having purchased a drilling outfit for the purpose of drilling water wells, drilled on their own farm, about six and one-half miles southeast of Robinson, and at a depth of 182 feet struck a flow of natural gas that had a rock pressure of 25 lbs. to the square inch. This well furnished gas for lighting and heating purposes in the Creswell home from that time until the present, and was visited by many parties who were induced to go and see it, and who pronounced it genuine rock gas. The farm of the Creswells at this writing (1908) has several fine oil wells upon it.

The finding of oil at Terre Haute, Ind., and small gas wells in various portions of this county, induced a number of the enterprising citizens of Robinson, Ill., to organize a company known as the Crawford County Oil, Gas & Coal Company, incorporated with a capital stock of $5,000, for the purpose of prospecting for coal, oil and gas. This company organized by the election of a board of directors who elected Abner P. Woodworth, President, E. E. Lindsay, Secretary, and Caswell S. Jones, Treasurer. James Gilchrist was secured and a contract made to drill two wells for the home company. A location was made about one and one-half miles east of Robinson, near the Illinois Central Railroad, in 1901. The well was drilled to a depth of 820 feet, a good coal vein was passed through, and salt water and gas encountered at that point, but nothing more was accomplished. The company then purchased a standard rig and, in the spring of 1902, a location having been made a mile and one-half north of Robinson, a well was drilled in ten days during the month of April of that year. Some nice coal veins were drilled through, and a small gas well was drilled in at a depth of a little over 1,000 feet, and a small quantity of oil was also found. This well was ruined, and several other efforts were made to put down wells that resulted in failures.

Our neighboring town of Palestine also organized a company and drilled in three wells, two showing oil and one a small gas well. This gas was piped and supplied forty stoves with fuel, and Palestine became the first town in our county to use gas for heating purposes. The initial well was drilled with a diamond drill, for the purpose of ascertaining coal measures, as well as other minerals. Coal was found at 500 to 600 feet, and the drill struck the oil-bearing rock at about 850 feet. A standard rig was then placed in close proximity to this well, and a new well drilled to the oil-bearing rock. The well was properly cased and nitro-glycerine was obtained to shoot the same. The casing was not removed, as it should have been, and the shot completely ruined both the casing and the well. This well probably would have made twenty or twenty-five barrels of oil per day. This fact is mentioned to show what troubles novices had in drilling oil wells.

The citizens of Robinson and Palestine expended about $23,000 in attempting to procure oil in this county, all their efforts resulting in failure. It requires trained men to develop a successful oil field, and some of our citizens recognizing this fact, wrote to the President of the Standard Oil Company, at 26 Broadway, New York, who kindly referred them to J. C. Donnell, in Findlay, Ohio, now Vice-President and General Manager of the Ohio Oil Company. Mr. Donnell immediately took up the matter and sent Arthur M.

Meeks to this field, who began taking leases on lands from our citizens for the Ohio Oil Company. In the meantime news of the finding of oil and gas in this county had gone abroad, and Mr. Hoblitzell came out to Clark County and began the successful drilling of wells in this field, which proved to be a good one, the oil sands being found at a very shallow depth. Operations were confined to the Clark County field during the season of 1904, but leasing went steadily on southward into Crawford County, and in the summer of 1905, the Benedum-Trees Oil Company made the first successful venture in drilling in a well on the Robert D. Athey farm in Prairie Township, this county, striking oil at a depth of 1,000 feet, completing this well on August 29th, and from this well gas was piped to the town of Annapolis, making it the second town in this county to burn natural gas.

John H. Galey, of Pittsburg, Pa., with whom some of our citizens had been in correspondence, was telegraphed, and he immediately came to Robinson. Mr. Galey, in addition to being a most accomplished gentleman, is, perhaps, the greatest field manager of his time. He spent one week with our citizens and made a careful survey of the county. He gave it as his opinion that we had an oil county, and correctly located the field. He procured a gas franchise while in the city of Robinson, and predicted that we would be burning gas by Christmas—a prediction which was afterwards verified. The visit of Mr. Galey to our community is one long to be remembered. He is a well-informed, genial and companionable gentleman, and was untiring in his efforts to locate this field. A location was made for a well on the Price farm, about four and one-half miles northwest of Robinson, in Robinson Township, which, on being drilled, proved to be a fine gas well, and the Wabash Gas Company, having been organized, immediately commenced laying its pipe lines to this city, and today Robinson has about twelve hundred meters installed by the Wabash Gas Company, one of the greatest and best enterprises of our community. E. C. Rose was appointed Superintendent of the company and removed to our city, and the present success of this company is largely due to his efforts,

In the meantime various companies came into this county and leasing progressed rapidly, and to W. W. Seybert, who leased a large portion of Oblong and Martin Townships, and the western portion of Robinson Township, much credit is due for the success that afterwards attended the efforts of companies drilling in this portion of our county. Mr. Seybert divided up his lands, assigning portions of them to the Mahutska, Minnetonka, Crescent, Daisy, Riddle, Red Bank, and various other companies.

During the early part of the winter of 1906, DeWitte T. Finley made a location on the Shire farm, about six miles southwest of Robinson, and successfully drilled in the Shire No. 1. It was drilled to a depth of about 1,000 feet, and remained an enigma for some two or three months, during this time leasing rapidly progressed in that section of the country. When this well was finally shot, it produced about 2,500 barrels of oil per day, and the fame of the Shire pool was at once established.

Treat, Crawford & Treat, under the management of their genial Superintendent, A. M. O'Donnell, immediately leased from Dr. E. L. Birch, 80 acres adjoining the Shire tract on the east, and commenced the drilling of a well on this farm, which also proved to be one of the gusher variety, and it was but a short time until some two or three hundred rigs were up in this section. Oil was now an assured fact, and drilling had begun in earnest in this portion of the field.

Leasing now progressed rapidly in all sections of the county, and large bonuses were paid to land owners, especially in Oblong, Robinson, Martin and Prairie Townships, but operations in the producing line were very largely confined to the Shire District. The farms of Dr. Birch, Harrison Martin, Charles Martin, Emanuel Miller, Metta Mann, Amanda Riker, Harriet King, E. Mitchell, James Good, Dr. Carlisle, and many other citizens were found to be especially rich in oil, and it was not infrequent to hear of wells being reported that produced from one hundred to one thousand barrels per day.

THE OHIO OIL COMPANY.

This company, being the western representative of the Standard Oil Company, quickly grasped the situation, and its leasers were in all parts of the field. It was represented by men of untiring zeal and ability, such men as Frederick H. Hillman, J. R. Penn, Arthur M. Meeks, Frank P. Blair, and many others working under them, and leasing progressed with such commendable zeal that it was not long until a large territory had been secured by this company, and their leases now amount to 150,000 acres in the entire

oil field. Mr. Hillman, who was then State Superintendent, determined to establish an office at the county seat, and for this purpose secured some rooms in the Woodworth block that were soon destined to become the scene of great activity. Stoy, a little station on the Illinois Central Railroad, about midway between Robinson and Oblong and two miles north of the Shire pool, now known as Oil Center, was selected as a base of operation, and a loading rack was established at that station. The offices at Robinson quickly filled, and Messrs. Lee Gordon, A. E. Dorsey, Arthur M. Meeks, W. W. McDonald, Walter McLaughlin, William E. Stevens and Will Haley were placed in charge of their respective departments, to assist Messrs. Hillman, Penn and Roach in the organization of this field. A pump station was installed at Stoy, and Mr. Hillman was promoted to General Superintendent of the pipe line department, with Messrs. Daniel Roach and Lee Gordon as his assistants. James K. Kerr was promoted to General Superintendent of the producing department. J. R. Penn was made Superintendent of the leasing department, with Arthur M. Meeks and Frank P. Blair as his assistants, and A. E. Dorsey was made Superintendent of this division, with W. W. McDonald, Frank Gariupy and Walter McLaughlin as his assistants. A telegraph office was established and Will G. Stephens installed as operator, with Will Haley and Howard Adsit as clerks. A better, brighter and busier set of men would have been hard to find. The county was organized into districts. Pipe lines were surveyed and laid, and early in the season of 1906 the pump station established at Stoy was in perfect working order, and forty to fifty thousands barrels of oil per day were transported through the pipe line department of the company. The Ohio Oil Company was very active in the line of production, and since their advent into the county have drilled in, on their own account, 791 producing wells and many thousand barrels of oil have been transported to the refineries of the Standard Oil Company. This company, representing the Standard Oil Company, built large and commodious offices in the spring of 1907, in the city of Robinson, and removed thereto. They have extended their operations through Clark, Crawford and Lawrence Counties, have constantly increased the pumping capacity, until, today, at their pumping station at Stoy they are capable of sending over 118,000 barrels daily to their refineries. The amount of work accomplished by this company in the two years that they have been operating in this field, and the amount of money they have expended, is almost incredible. Their work has been of a permanent character, done quietly and accomplished in a manner entirely satisfactory to other operators and to the citizens of the county.

INCREASE IN POPULATION.

Before mentioning the work of other oil companies, mention must be made of the influx of people into our county. In the fall of 1905, Robinson had some 1,700 people. Palestine, Oblong and Hutsonville were villages, each of about 900 inhabitants. After the discovery of oil on the Athey farm, it became apparent that our population was gradually increasing. The spring of 1906 marked a new era. One supply store, with W. G. Long as manager, had already reached our town and installed gas in our homes entirely satisfactory to our citizens, and the National Supply Company, the Jarecki Manufacturing Company, the Oil Well Supply Company, Frick-Reid Supply Company, Bovaird & Seyfang, Bessemer Gas Engine Company, Acme Fishing Tool Company and National Supply and Equipment Company were all applicants for rooms and were soon located in our midst with large stores of oil-well supplies. The demand for rooms and dwelling houses was incessant, and the question of supplying them was not a matter of easy solution. Our hotels were limited, but our citizens opened their homes and soon two and three families were domiciled where one had previously lived. As the season grew warmer, tents were erected and houses were improvised. Every room in town was occupied and acres of tents could be seen around Robinson. Workmen were in great demand and wages had more than doubled, and the season of 1906 closed with a number of new buildings and Robinson possessed a population which exceeded four thousand, while Palestine, Oblong and other towns had grown in proportion.

Another one of the peculiarities of the situation was the increasing freights of our railroads. It was no uncommon sight to see miles of cars loaded with oil-well and other supplies shipped in from other fields, and the Railroad Superintendents were put to their wits in building sidetracks and caring for and handling these excessive freights. The two depots had become veritable hustling shops and their forces were

increased from time to time to meet the demand. Switchyard engines were running night and day, and the local freights at Robinson exceeded that of any other point on the New York Central and Illinois Central Railroads. It was no uncommon sight to see three hundred teams start out in the morning with oil-well supplies and material for the leases in the field, and this was constantly kept up during the season of 1906. Another fact worthy of mentioning is, that a number of tents and houses were improvised on the leases, and frequently a small settlement would be built during the day.

The postoffice at Robinson had also increased in mail matter until it was necessary to provide new quarters, and the forces of the office were increased very materially. Robinson was made a second class postoffice and the amount of mail that was handled by our postmaster and his assistants was larger than would be handled by a city of about four times the size of Robinson. Every facility was granted by the Government, and today we are enjoying the benefit of a free mail delivery in our city.

The telephone service increased very rapidly, and the two telephone companies were compelled to increase their capacity until, today, we have in Robinson on the Crawford County Mutual Telephone lines, 1052 'phones, and on the Southeastern Long Distance Telephone and Telegraph lines, 250 'phones. These two lines connect with other lines, making a service extending into all parts of the county.

BENEDUM-TREES OIL COMPANY.

This company was one of the first in the field, and secured, perhaps, greater holding than any other individual company. Its leasers, Harry F. Miller, Harry S. Grayson and T. S. Riley, were very active and secured for the corporation some very fine property, which was developed under the management of John Kirkland, a wholesouled, excellent gentleman, who was trained by the Standard Oil Company in the east. M. Benedum, J. C. Trees, John Kirkland and other stockholders of this corporation had the satisfaction of receiving two million dollars from T. N. Barnsdall, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, for their holdings, which included a half interest in the Wabash Gas Company. Up to this time they had drilled about ninety oil wells upon their property. It might be noted, also, that these gentlemen are still operating in this field under the name of Superior Oil Company, possessing some of the very finest of leases, secured largely through the efforts of Harry S. Grayson, now a stockholder of said company, and one of the best men who left Washington County, Pa., for the western oil fields.

THE TORPEDO COMPANIES.

Without torpedo companies, this field would not show the good results that it has shown, and they are an indispensable auxiliary. We have two torpedo companies. The Independent Torpedo, whose President, E. Wannamaker, resides at Findley, Ohio, and who, by the way, is quite a producer, having drilled in on the Sargent Newlin farm in the northeastern part of the field in Hutsonville Township, a well that started off with about 400 barrels per day. His company, the Independent, has for its State Superintendent, Harry Lippert, with headquarters at Robinson. This company has with them the following named people as shooters: S. L. Theetge, W. Beck, Vern Osenbaugh, F. E. Davidson, Ben Dow and F. A. Stinson. Their nitro-glycerine factory is on the Walters farm, about two and one-half miles east of Robinson, and their magazine is located on the Dr. Firebaugh farm, four miles west of Robinson. Their mixer, or maker, is George Dana, who is one of the oldest shooters in the United States.

The DuPont Powder Company have their factory on Dr. L. E. Stephens' farm about four miles west of Robinson, and their magazine is on the land of Jerome Garrard, about two miles west of Robinson. The State Superintendent of this company is Alex. W. Swanson and the field manager of this county is D. W. Stevenson. The other gentlemen with the DuPont Powder Company are: Fred Mack, Charles Townsend, W. Covert, W. K. Snyder, W. E. Donaldson, William Ramsey and Van Gray. No men in the field have more hazardous tasks to perform than the Torpedo men. They are a brave and fearless set. The business is alluring and, when once entered upon, they seldom quit it, and the wages paid are good.

It may be interesting here to state the manner of shooting a well. It requires about twenty quarts of nitro-glycerine to four and one-half feet of the rock. The shooter drives his wagon to the magazine, where the nitro-glycerine has been placed in cans holding ten quarts each; he carefully removes the requisite number of quarts

to the wagon, where each ten-quart can is placed in upholstered, padded cells. The cover is then placed over the top of the wagon, and the empty torpedo shells, having been placed in a rack on the outside of the wagon, the shooter is ready for the start. When he arrives at the well to be shot, he first unhitches his horses and takes them away from the wagon to a safe place, then removes from his wagon these ten-quart cans and carefully loads his torpedo shells, each one holding twenty quarts of the explosive. When the necessary number of shells are filled, they are carefully lowered to the required depth and placed one on the other until the required number are let down. An electric squib, to which is attached a duplex insulated wire, is let down. The casing is then removed, joint by joint from the well, and set up in the derrick, and then a blasting battery is attached to the insulated wire and the shot is fired. It costs $105 to shoot a well with one hundred quarts of nitro-glycerine.

SOME REMARKABLE ACCIDENTS AND ESCAPES.

In this field very few accidents have occurred. None have caused the death of a human being, but it will be interesting to note a few of the miraculous escapes.

F. A. Stinson, of the Independent Torpedo Company, was called to shoot a well in the southern portion of our county. He loaded his wagon and started over a rongh and muddy road. His wagon turned over and his load of nitro-glycerine was thrown into a mud hole. He extricated himself, righted his wagon, fished his cans of nitro-glycerine from the mud hole, placed them in the wagon and went on and made his shot and returned in safety.

Van Gray, of the same company, was called to make a shot on the Simons farm, about four miles northeast of Oblong. This well belonged to the Minnetonka Oil Company, and was doing about three hundred barrels per day natural, and had a great gas pressure. Gray was attempting to let down a filled torpedo shell, but the gas was so strong it blew the shell from the well and hit the pulley, causing it to explode. Gray fell to the ground before the shot exploded and was uninjured. One of the horses belonging to his team was killed, a house in close proximity was shattered, a dresser in the room was torn all to pieces, while a mirror on the dresser was thrown on the floor unshattered. A bed on which a child was sleeping was thrown over onto the floor and the child escaped uninjured. The mother in the room escaped uninjured, although her clothing was torn in fragments. The shingles on the roof of the smoke-house were cut away as with a knife. The stable, two derricks and several oil tanks were all destroyed by fire. An iron knife in a coat pocket of Mr. Gray on the ground near by, was bent in every conceivable shape; is quite a curious memento of this explosion, and is now in the possession of D. E. Lamb of the Big Creek Water Company.

S. L. Theetge, of the same company, was called to shoot a well in the early part of 1908. Going to the magazine and securing the nitro-glycerine, he started. The roads were rough and the front wheel dropped into a hole and the front axle broke, pitching Mr. Theetge under the heels of his horses and breaking two of his ribs. The axle of his wagon struck the ground with considerable force, but no explosion followed, and Mr. Theetge took his team from the wagon, went to a neighboring house and telephoned to Robinson for a new wagon and another shooter. With this shooter, and, in his crippled condition, Mr. Theetge went on and finished the shot and came back to town.

Another explosion occurred on the McKnight lease in the summer of 1907. A shot was thrown out of the well by the gas pressure, which caused the burning of the derrick and the annihilation of the team and wagon belonging to the DuPont Powder Company. The shooter, Ward Lester, threw himself on the ground and escaped injury, although the explosion caused a terrific shock.

D. W. Stevenson, of the DuPont Powder Company, in the fall of 1906, performed a deed for pluck and bravery that is rarely equaled. He was called to shoot a well about four miles west of town, on a farm directly south of the Illinois Central Railroad. It was No. 3 on the Ohio Oil Company lease. It was a good oil well, with a high gas pressure. On lowering his torpedo shell he felt the line give way, and his clear head discerned the result, as the shell with its twenty quarts of nitro-glycerine was forced out by the heavy gas pressure. Mr. Stevenson coolly locked his arms around the torpedo and prevented it from being thrown on the ground, thus averting the destruction of many persons who were standing around to witness the shot.

In the spring of 1908, however, one of the narrowest escapes was made by W. K. Snyder and

W. H. Ramsey, of the DuPont Powder Company. They had one hundred quarts of glycerine in their wagon, to which was attached four horses, and in crossing Big Creek bridge in Oblong Township, the bridge gave way. Wagon, men and horses were precipitated in the creek into about twelve feet of water. The men swam ashore, but the horses were struggling in the debris. Snyder remarked to his companion, "if these horses must die I will die with them." He went back into the water, cut the harness and freed the teams. Having rescued the horses they remained by the stream until the water went down, when they went to the wagon and carried the glycerine to shore and telephoned for another shooter to come from Robinson. They took the wagon out next day in a badly damaged condition, the front end having been kicked out by the horses.

It will be seen that the business of shooting wells is one that requires nerve, but these men have it. They are a fine set of fellows who realize their responsibility and govern themselves accordingly.

EARLY OIL COMPANIES IN THIS FIELD.

Among the early oil companies in this field that have been very successful, are the Mahutska, under the management of D. A. Finley; Treat, Crawford & Treat, under the management of A. M. O'Donnell; the Minnetonka, under the management of J. E. Schell; the Crescent, under the management of Daniel McQuiggan; the Daisy, under the management of Frank Fertig, and the Riddle Oil Company, under the management of A. W. Nickle. These corporations began operations in the spring of 1906.

MAHUTSKA OIL COMPANY.

As has already been mentioned, D. T. Finley drilled in the initial well, known as Shire No. 1, and from that time on the success of the Mahutska Oil Company was assured. Mr. Finley is a hard worker, a gentleman well liked by every one, and his efforts were crowned with the greatest success. The Mahutska has its offices in Robinson, where Mr. Finley has built a splendid home and lives in ease and comfort. This company has now 1,700 acres of leases with one hundred wells to its credit, all fine producers, many of which started off at 1,000 barrels per day.

TREAT, CRAWFORD & TREAT.

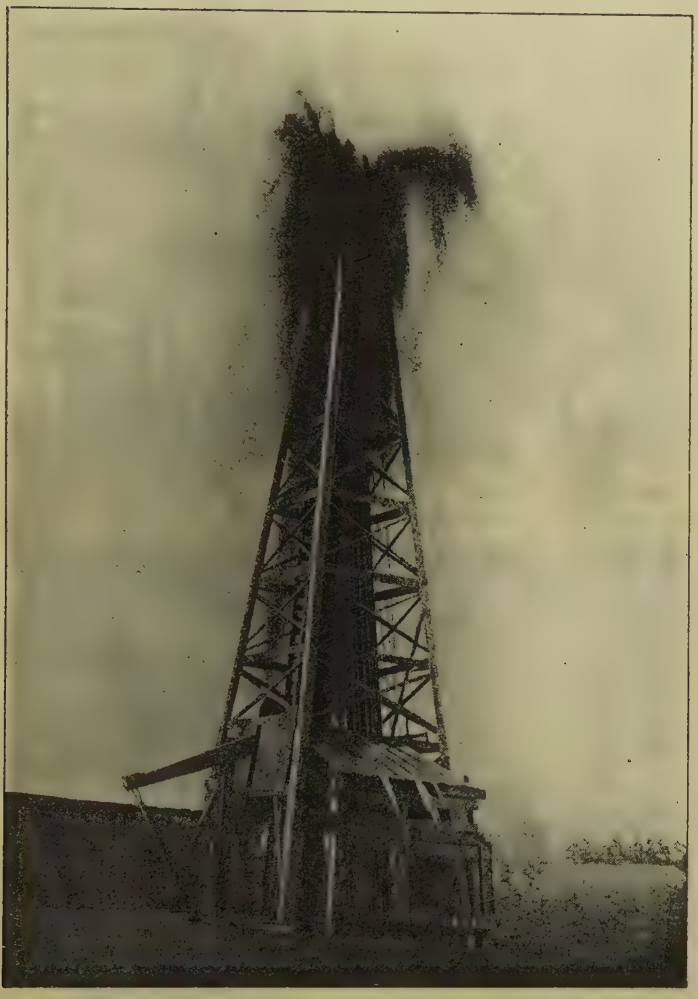
A. M. O'Donnell, Superintendent for this company, has been constantly on the go and ever on the alert for the interests of his company. They have 9,000 acres of leases in the field, and the splendid producing oil wells speak volumes for the activity of this company. Their production is very large in this field, and they have recently put in a Gas Plant at Oblong, Ill., and now supply that town from the John Walters farm in the northwest corner of Robinson Township. They have drilled in this field 210 wells. C. C. Harter is leaser for this company, and has been untiring in his efforts.

MINNETONKA OIL COMPANY.

The Minnetonka Oil Company had about 8,000 acres of leases in this field and drilled in 192 wells. Their production was so fine that they sold the same to the Ohio Oil Company on March 26, 1908, for $1,250,000. Mr. Schell and his assistants are to be congratulated on the splendid success of their two years' work. Perry O. Laughner is President of this company, and is also an organizer of the Crescent Oil Company, the company having its offices in Robinson and doing a very successful business. The Superintendent is Daniel McQuiggan, with Chal Laughner as its field manager. One of its initial wells was drilled on the Harry Martin farm in 1906, and produced in the first twenty-four hours, 1,600 barrels of oil. This lease was especially rich, and Mr. Martin, the owner of the farm, refused $79,000 for his seventy-nine acres of land. The Crescent had, on the first day of January, 1908, 52 wells to its credit, with a daily production of one thousand barrels.

THE RIDDLE OIL COMPANY.

The Riddle Oil Company was organized by the election of J. E. Hughes, President, T. L. Riddle, Vice-President, C. L. Nickle, Secretary, A. W. Nickle, Treasurer and General Manager, and Gaily Myers, Superintendent. Mr. Riddle, for whom the company is named, is a veteran of the oil fields, and he and his associates have been very successful in oil operations. Their lease in Honey Creek Township, on the A. W. Mann farm, started off a gusher, producing 1,600 barrels in the first twenty-four hours, and the succeeding wells are almost as rich. This company now has 1,274 acres of leases, with 39 wells to



HARRY MARTIN WELL No. 1, AFTER BEING SHOT

FLOWING OIL, AFTER BEING SHOT—P. C. BARRICK No. 14, ROBINSON TOWNSHIP

SHOOTING WELL No. 14, ROBINSON TOWNSHIP

its credit. A. W. Nickle, the Treasurer and Manager of the Company, is a resident of Robinson and the owner of one of the largest, as well as one of the most beautiful, residences of this city. The Riddle Company developed the Henry Musgrave farm about three miles northwest of Robinson, selling a lease of 286 acres, containing eleven wells, to W. J. Neuenschwander, of Sistersville, W. Va., for a consideration of $160,000.

THE DAISY OIL COMPANY.

The Daisy Oil Company was organized in March, 1906, largely through the efforts of Frank Fertig, who became its Superintendent and Manager. Mr. Fertig first came here as a leaser for C. B. Shaffer of the Consolidated Oil Company. He resigned his position and leased the farms of Capt. William Wood, John York and Samuel Dennis, containing 600 acres in all. The initial well drilled in on the Capt. Wood farm was a dry hole; the initial well on the York farm, across the road, was a 50-barrel producer. An amusing little incident is told regarding a transaction between Mr. Wood and Mr. York. Being neighbors and owning about the same quantity of land, they entered into a written agreement to pool their earnings. When Wood's well came in a dry hole, York offered him $1,000 to release him from the contract, which the captain promptly accepted. Mr. York paid the money and the captain gave him the release. The next well on the captain's land, 400 feet from the dry hole, proved to be a gusher and made 1,000 barrels per day for a short time, and the farm proved to be one of the best in the field. A well, however, was afterwards drilled on Mr. York's farm that made a thousand barrels. The settled production of these leases were 2,000 barrels per day. and forty wells were drilled on these farms prior to February 22, 1908, when the leases were sold to John G. Jennings, of Pittsburg, for a consideration of $440,000 cash. The property had been on velvet for six months, besides having paid dividends to its stockholders. The office of the Daisy Oil Company is in Robinson, where Mr. Fertig also resides, having built himself a fine residence, determining to take the world easy and develop other holdings which he possesses.

THE AUSTIN OIL COMPANY.

David E. Fritz was one of the first oil men in this field in the Spring of 1906. He was very successful in procuring leases, perhaps no man being more energetic along that line. He was one of the promoters of the Daisy Oil Company, and at the sale of lands belonging to that company, mentioned above, he received one-eighth of the amount of that sale. Mr. Fritz organized the Austin Oil Company in the Fall of 1906, and has since been its Superintendent, with headquarters at Robinson. This company at the time of its organization owned leases amounting to 175 acres, upon which some very rich finds have been made, No. 3 on the L. E. Stephens' farm being, perhaps, the best, doing about three hundred barrels per day.

Mr. Fritz has been very successful in other enterprises aside from his connection with the Daisy and Austin Oil Companies, among which we desire to mention the Chas. Henry lease in Oblong Township. This lease had two dry holes drilled upon it and was virtually abandoned, when Mr. Fritz purchased the same for a consideration of $500. His initial well demonstrated the wisdom of this purchase, for it started off with a production of 500 barrels per day, this well being drilled between the two dry holes. His second venture upon this lease started off with a production of 600 barrels per day. He has since become a resident of our city, and has built a beautiful home therein, and the activity and enterprise of him and his associates has also been the means of building Robinson a fine opera house. He has also been instrumental in bringing other producers to this field, who have profited largely by his suggestions. Mr. Fritz has secured quite a number of leases about Flat Rock and vicinity and is interested in their development. The property is now producing oil in great abundance. He also leased about a thousand acres in the Martin Township pool, which he afterwards sold to M. F. Whitehill, of Pennsylvania, which has since become a very fine producing property.

The season of 1907 was an extremely wet one, and the roads were well nigh impassable before the winter set in. Frequently you would see ten horses hitched to a boiler, dragging it along through the mud to its location. Some 847 wells had been drilled in this county during the year 1906, but it remained for the year 1907 to eclipse the former year. Active work began early in the spring and the rains that were almost continuous did not seem to deter operations. Much material had already been placed

on the leases, and by the first of May work was active in all parts of the county. New pools had been developed and some larger wells than those previously reported, had been brought in by their owners.

Mention must be made, also, of the activity in building in the towns of our county. Many of our new-comers had determined to make their homes with us. The town of Oblong had more than doubled its population, and this year became a place of 2,500 inhabitants, with a substantial new hotel, two national banks and many good business houses and wellings. Robinson had increased its population to six thousand, had erected the Woodworth Hotel, a $50,000 structure, and built an opera house and several substantial brick business structures, while the producers vied with each other in erecting beautiful modern dwellings. The New York Central erected a new and commodious depot, and both railroads put on additional trains. The passenger traffic at this point was greater than at any other station along the lines of its two roads, and business was very active in all departments. This city had become the greatest depot for oil well supplies of any city west of Pittsburg. Machine Shops had been built capable of supplying almost any kind of machinery used in the oil fields. We have with us the Warren Machine Shops, Locke Brothers, Norris Brothers, Oil Well Supply Shops, Parkersburg Rig & Reel Company, Chandler's Tank Factory and many other factories and shops, and we could supply a sucker-rod or build an engine in our own town. We had increased in tank factories and lumber yards and could supply the increasing demand for both. The Robinson Oil Refinery had been built and put into operation, and a bottle factory erected by the Wilcox Brothers, who were not only splendid business men in that line, but are also successful operators in the oil field.

RED BANK OIL COMPANY.

T. N. Barnsdall, of Pittsburg, Pa., had been a large producer in this field prior to the advent of the Red Bank Oil Company here. He had, with Mr. Erdman, developed the Hook property, a rich lease of 92 acres, a half-interest in which he has since sold for $70,000. After purchasing the Benedum-Trees leases, this company, the stock of which was largely owned by its President, T. N. Barnsdall, was the strongest independent company in the field and had to its credit about 55,000 acres of leases in this and other counties. The office of the Red Bank Oil Company was removed from Marshall, Clark County, Ill., to Robinson, in April, 1907. W. E. Goodrich was State Superintendent and George W. Yerian Superintendent of Production, with Messrs. George L. Martin, Andrew J. Foust, John T. Scott and James Briody as his assistants, and E. O. Bartlett, Assistant Treasurer, with Robert R. Forker, clerk. These gentlemen were all old and experienced oil men, who had, like most oil men, received their training in the oil fields of Pennsylvania, as well as in other States, and under the excellent management of W. E. Goodrich, by the 1st of January, 1908, the Red Bank had to its credit, including the ninety wells purchased of Benedum-Trees Oil Company, about 500 wells. Too much credit cannot be given to Mr. Goodrich and his assistants for the able manner in which they managed this property. In the spring of 1908 Mr. Barnsdall sold about 600 acres of leases in Robinson Township, and about 1,180 acres in Oblong and Martin Townships for about $900,000, to the Ohio Oil Company, on which are some of the finest producing wells in this field. The Red Bank Oil Company also sold to the American Oil Development Company about 500 acres of leases for the sum of $370,000. They also sold to J. F. Hanna, of Franklin, Pa., the C. H. Morris lease, containing eleven producing wells and one gas well, for a consideration of $50,000.

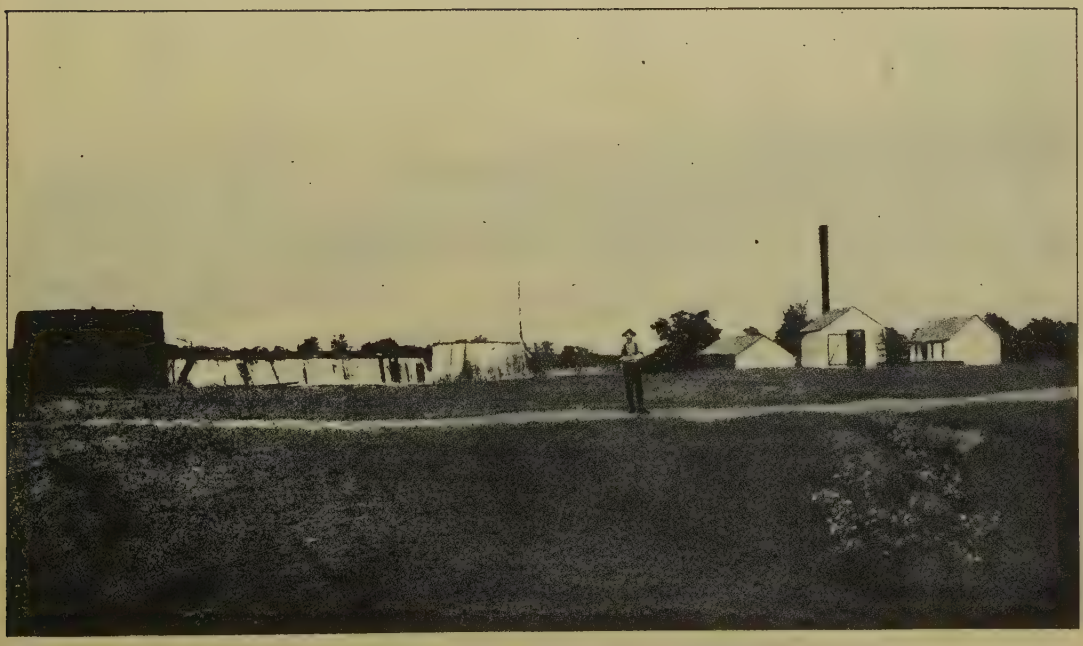
THE MORRISON OIL COMPANY.

The Morrison Oil Company came here in March, 1907. Its President is Henry D. Morrison, of New York City. It purchased 1,200 acres of leases from the Riddle Oil Company for a consideration of $250,000, and has since added to this property many valuable leases, some of its most valuable wells being on the John Carlton farm in Martin Township, many of the wells showing an initial production of 5,000 barrels. This company has 62 producing wells to its credit, and a fine daily production. Elmer D. Smith, a quiet, sober, thinking man, is the Superintendent, doing excellent service, assisted by Robert Lepper and William A. Forster. They have a beautiful suite of rooms in the Woodworth Block on the west side of the Public Square in our city.

THE LINDEN OIL COMPANY.

This company maintains offices in Robinson, and has for its Superintendent, Robert Duffield.

PUMPING STATION IN THE ILLINOIS FIELD



A PUMPER IN HIS FIELD OF LABOR

TANK FARM OF THE OHIO OIL CO.

MARTIN No. 1 POOL, AFTER BEING SHOT

Mr. Duffield and his brother James have been quite active in this field and have some valuable lesaes and fine productions. The Duffield brothers have built fine residences in Robinson, and are now permanently located here.

BIG CREEK WATER COMPANY.

Without water in the field it would be hard to complete the immense amount of drilling that has been performed in the Shire and other pools in Crawford County. T. G. Lamb & Sons, of Indianapolis, Ind., were quick to discern this fact, and established the Big Creek Water Company. This firm is composed of T. G. Lamb, D. E. Lamb, H. T. Lamb and Thomas Alford. The company first established their water line to Big Creek, but soon extended their lines to the Embarras River, where they placed a pump station capable of supplying about 600 barrels per hour. In addition to supplying water in this field, Mr. Lamb and his sons were both contractors and producers. They drilled No. 2 on the Dr. E. L. Birch farm for Treat, Crawford & Treat, which started off with an initial production of over 2,000 barrels per day. Mr. T. G. Lamb is also President of the Warren Machine Company, which was brought from Indiana in 1907.

SMITH, KERR & NEELY.

This firm has been operating in this county for the past year on farms owned by the heirs of Green B. Hicks, Dr. Newlin, D. C. Brubaker, Everett Manheart and others. Some idea of the richness of these leases may be formed from the statement of the production of two of the above farms for a single year. The D. C. Brubaker farm was in litigation and A. P. Woodworth was appointed receiver. The receiver's report shows that $44,000 worth of oil was produced and sold during the year. This farm comprises 36 acres.

Dr. Leroy Newlin's farm contains 70 acres, upon which 11 wells have been drilled. The lowest estimate of the largest producing well on this farm is 8,000 barrels per day, and the highest is 20,000 barrels for 24 hours. This is the best well drilled so far in this county. Dr Newlin receives an eighth royalty from this farm and it netted him last year about $20,000. These farms are in Martin Township.

W. S. Wark commenced operations in this county in August, 1906. Among other leases which he had the good fortune to obtain was the farm of J. W. Dennis, containing 160 acres, adjoining that of Dr. Newlin. This farm is one of the best producing farms in the field. Several wells have been drilled upon it, and the royalty from them has given Mr. Dennis about $40,000 for his share.

J. D. Downing and E. W. McArthur have been operating the Wasson and other leases during the past year, and their initial well on this lease started off at 1,000 barrels per day.

Another rich find about five miles north, in Robinson Township, is on the Grant York farm. This pool was discovered by J. H. West, who associated himself with Mr. Downing, under the firm name of Downing & West. Their wells have been of the gusher variety, and most of them started off with an initial production of 1,000 barrels per day. The Tom Moore Oil Company also have a lease on this farm, and paid $150 per acre bonus and the one-sixth royalty for same. After one year they are on velvet and paying good dividends to the stockholders.

George Bole leased the farm adjoining York, of Ed. and S. T. Lindsay. Mr. Bole paid a third royalty for this lease and his venture has proven highly profitable. Both York and the Lindsays are receiving several thousand dollars per month from the royalty on the oil found in this pool.

To the west of the York and Lindsay farms, at the corner of Robinson and Licking Townships, another rich pool was brought in by the Annin Oil Company, under the management of J. J. Cauley, on the Robert Athey farm. This farm consisted of 120 acres of land and was purchased by Dr. E. C. Price in the early stages of the oil field for $35 per acre. He leased for a bonus of $75 per acre and one-sixth of the oil. There are seven wells drilled in, and he is receiving from $1,200 to $2,000 per month royalty. This is given as one instance of many transactions that have occurred in all parts of the county since the discovery of oil.

Duff & McClintock leased the P. C. Barrick farm of 1,000 acres in Robinson Township. The farm has now fourteen wells drilled on it. Mr. Barrick has been offered $100,000 for his royalty interest, which he refused, and is now receiving several thousand dollars each month as royalty, it being one of the richest finds in the field.

The depth of wells drilled in this field varies from 850 to 1,350 feet, but the usual depth is from 980 to 1,000 feet. Gas is found in the top sands. The best gas wells that have been found in the county are in Robinson and Honey Creek Townships, and their capacity is from one to ten million cubic feet per day, and there are a number of them. In drilling wells about 60 to 180 feet of 10-inch casing is used, and about 400 feet of 8¼-inch and about 700 feet of 6¼-inch. It requires about ten to fifteen days to complete a well and costs from $2,500 to $3,000. The greater majority of the wells have been of the gusher, or flowing type. The "Go-Devil," or iron rod, is not used in this field in shooting wells, as the wells are required to be cased close to the sand, which necessitates the pulling of the 6¼-inch casing in order to make the shot, although in some parts of the field the walls of the wells stand up sufficiently so that it is not necessary to case with the 6¼ inch until after the well is shot. After the well begins to flow, tanks are erected, power houses are built, the wells are connected together by shackle-rods, lines are laid to carry away the oil to the Pump Station, and the producer is ready to have his oil gauged and sell the same. The specific gravity of the oil in this field is from 36 to 37, although in the Flat Rock pool the oil is of a lower grade, and in some instances is but 28 gravity. The oils here contain a high percentage of gasoline and naphtha, and are almost equal to oils found in the eastern fields. Sixty cents per barrel has been paid for the lower grade oils and sixty-eight cents for the higher grades. Taking everything into consideration and the immense amount of money originally expended in this field to build lines for transportation to the refineries, this is not an unfair price for the production. It will doubtless, however, in the near future, command a better price.

A large vein of salt water is found between 1,100 and 1,200 feet in drilling. The top, or gas sand, is usually about 8 to 12 feet in thickness. The second or oil sand is about 22 to 39 feet in thickness, and is usually very free. A few wells have been drilled in a third sand, with very good results. This field is yet in its infancy, and a deeper sand will be found at from 1,700 to 1,900 feet, which will produce oil equal to the grade of the Terre Haute well, which certainly must have some connection with this field. The county is also underlaid with good coal veins of a superior quality of coal, from seven to nine feet in thickness, which are found in drilling.

John Markham, of Bradford, Pa., was one of the early producers in this field. He has made four successful ventures. His first lease was in connection with his nephew, Mr. Hollern, on a farm of 360 acres, belonging to G. L. Walter, which they partially developed and sold to the Ohio Oil Company for $70,000. His next venture was in connection with Samuel Bell on the Sam Barrick farm, which proved to be very rich in production, Mr. Markham selling his interest to Mr. Bell, his partner. He then leased the Wm. Quick farm, upon which he has drilled more than a dozen good oil wells and one very fine gas well. He has also leased the Ferd Raines farm and has drilled in one good producer on same. Mr. Markham is one of the most experienced and active oil men in the field, and his operations have thus far been confined to Robinson Township.

It is impossible to give the details of all the Producers in this field. Success has attended the efforts of most of them. Oil has been successfully found in nine of the ten townships of the county, and 2,869 producing wells were being operated January 1, 1908, by the different companies, among whom are Armor & Stewart, Brown & Hogue, Rex G. Davis, R. D. Crawford, D. D. Nolan, Odell & Whitmer, D. P. Fleeger, C. B. Shafer, Leeper Bros., Sammel & Booth. Beers Bros., Black & Fitzgerald, Brenneman & McDonald, Bruner, Abbott & Co., Clinton Newlin, S. C. Clover, Moran & Adsit, Daugherty & Keenan, Duff, McClintock & Davis, Dye & Grace, E. N. Gillespie, C. W. Kirkbride, Lamberton Bros., P. P. Milliken, W. G. Reel, Anchor & Seybert, Skelly & Slattery, W. W. Splane, F. S. Wilbur, Trees Bros., Culbertson & Son, Parker, Edwards & Co., Fulton, Bright & Co., Peoples Oil and Gas, Devonian Oil, Eagle Oil, Fisher Oil, Mefford Oil, Atlantic Oil, Whitaker Oil, Parker Oil, American Oil Development, Columbia Oil. McKean Oil, Newlin Oil, Northern Oil, Sun Oil and Pure Oil companies. These are the pioneer workers in the oil field of Illinois, and they deserve to be remembered. It is safe to place an estimate of 20,000 as a number of men engaged in this field as producers, contractors, derrick and tank builders, pumpers, teamsters, common laborers and others who have charge of the field as superintendents, farm bosses, district

foremen, engineers, clerks, warehousemen and leasers. The Ohio Oil Company alone have 4,700 men in this field in their employ, 2,200 of whom are working in this county. They make an army of men, and take them as a class they will compare favorably with that number of citizens engaged in any other occupation. The prices paid are good, no class of men receiving better wages. The field has been orderly and few accidents have occurred. Work has progressed rapidly and satisfactorily from its inception to the present time.

EFFECT OF OIL DEVELOPMENT.

What has been the effect of development of the oil fields from a business standpoint, is worthy of consideration. Before oil was discovered in this county, land was worth from $25 to $100 per acre, $40 per acre being a fair average. Since the development of oil it has increased three times in value. Town property has increased still more in value than lands. The price of everything raised and for sale in the community has more than doubled, and any one who desires and is willing to work can do so at excellent wages. Merchants of all classes have been the recipients of a large trade since the opening of the field. Activity has been general in all lines of trade and occupation. The banks of our county have increased to ten in number, and the deposits of the three banks in Robinson were about two millions of dollars on the first day of January, 1908, while those of other towns in the county are correspondingly large. The official business of our county has increased in the same ratio.

EQUIPMENT OF THE OHIO OIL COMPANY.

The Ohio Oil Company has its pump station at Stoy, at which all the oils from this field are gathered for transportation to the various refineries. It now has two pumps which are capable of pumping 50,000 barrels each per day, and one pump capable of pumping 18,000 barrels per day. It has nine 80-horsepower boilers and hundreds of miles of pipes are laid out in the fields to receive oil and carry it to the pumping station. There are 36 miles of gravity lines and one large suction pump by which producers are enabled to transport their oil to this pumping station without cost. There are three 8-inch pipe lines laid through Crawford County for the purpose of transportating oil to the next station north. These stations are about forty miles apart. The tank farm on the McLain land, immediately north of Stoy, is rapidly building up this summer and, when complete, will be a vast collection of iron tanks, holding about 35,000 barrels of oil each. A railroad was built from Stoy to this tank farm and about fifteen of these tanks are already completed. This has all been accomplished in a short space of time and demonstrates the ability and sagacity of those who have its management.

CRAWFORD COUNTY IN CENTER OF OIL FIELD.

Crawford County is in the central portion of the oil field, with 2,865 wells, the counties of Clark and Cumberland being on the north with 2,948 wells, and Lawrence County on the south with 608 wells, making a total of 6,421 wells. All are good producing counties. A pioneer of the eastern oil fields remarked not long since, that he never expected to see as good an oil county as that of Butler County, Pa., but that this county "equaled, if it did not excel that county." The field has so far exceeded the expectations of the most sanguine, and it is hard to make perdictions for the future. The year 1908 will doubtless be better than the two preceding years, and drilling will probably be continued for many years to come. But gushers will not always last, and it remains for our sober and industrious people to take advantage of the blessings a kind Providence has bestowed upon us to build up our towns, improve our country, and leave a better heritage for future generations. Our people so far have acted in concert with our new-comers, and our towns and country have shown the wisdom of this action. Let us move together in harmony and pursue the even tenor of our ways, and Crawford County, by the time of the next consus, will have doubled in population and will be one of the richest and best counties in the State.

DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCT OF 1908.

The season of 1908 ushered in propitiously, the Townships of Oblong. Martin, Honey Creek, Licking and Robinson were the scenes of greatest activity, though some wells were drilled in Prairie, Hutsonville, Palestine and Montgomery that promised well. Drilling progressed steadily from the west and reached about the center of Robinson Township in July and August of the year. The season was exceedingly dry, the

roads in good condition and material was transported to all parts of the field without difficulty.

The towns of the county kept pace with the oil field. Oblong made a fine growth, her population reaching about 3.000; Robinson had grown to a city of 7,000 people and many new and substantial brick business houses had been erected, and a great number of dwelling houses had been built. The Water Light and Heat plant had been re-constructed and a good supply of water secured. The Telephone lines were consolidated, and placed in a new and substantial home. Ice, and other plants. have been constructed and Street paving progressed rapidly during the season. The Catholics and Christians have each erected new and commodious churches, and changes of every kind had taken place in Robinson, due solely to the oil industries.

Many changes and sales in the oil properties were made during this year. The Red Bank Oil Company sold many of its leases to the Ohio Oil Company, and the Company's large holdings finally passed into the hands of J. C. Donnell, Agent, and are now operated under that name. The North Fork Oil Company secured the holdings of Smith, Kerr and Neeley and other property in this county to the value of $500,000. The large holdings of Treat, Crawford & Treat were sold for a consideration of over a million dollars to the Associated Producers. This company also purchased the Robinson Club House and remodeled it until it is now one of the most elegant office buildings in the Middle West, and is the General Western Headquarters of the Company. This company operates The Tide Water Pipe Line and it has purchased lands and erected a fine power house near the village of Stoy. They have secured the right of way for a 6-inch pipe line from Stoy, Ill., to Bradford, Pa., and have already a large portion of their line constructed, which will be complete and ready to transport oil in the spring of 1909.

During the season the Licking Oil and Gas Company, The Ohio Oil Company, The Riddle Oil Company and Culbertson & Son made rich finds in deep sand, a little north and northwest of the City of Robinson. At a depth of 1,140 feet a third pay was struck about one mile from the corporation line in Sections 21, 28, 29 and 30 in Town 7, Range 12 West.

The Crawford County field, during the season 1908, was connected on the north with the Clark County field, and on the south with the Lawrence County field, making it one of the largest and most productive oil fields now known.

PRODUCT OF 1907—NO. OF WELLS, 1909.

The oil sold from this field in 1907 was second only in value to that from the Oklahoma field, and the sales from the products realized over $17,000,000. The total number of wells now in this field, January 1, 1909, are: in Coles, Cumberland and Clark Counties, 4,340; in Crawford County, 5,601; in Lawrence, 1,112—Total 10,953. From this it will be seen that Crawford County leads in the field and is one of the greatest oil producing counties in the entire country. The total number of barrels produced in the Illinois fields, up to January 1, 1909, has been 60,248,393, realizing over 40 Million Dollars. The field is one of inestimable value to the citizens of the county; and its development has been made by the oil producers rapidly without friction and in a manner entirely satisfactory to the people of the county.

During the year 1908, a large number of producers and contractors have built elegant homes in our midst and are now permanent residents of our county and State.

CHAPTER XVI.

THE HUTSON FAMILY TRAGEDY.

A STORY OF INDIAN WAR DAYS IN CRAWFORD COUNTY—THE MASSACRE OF THE HUTSON FAMILY IN 1812—A REVOLTING EXAMPLE OF INDIAN BARBARITY AND TREACHERY—THE "TRUE STORY" AS TOLD BY A RELATIVE OF THE HISTORIC FAMILY FORTY YEARS AGO.

(By Hon. Austin Hutson.)

In the Year of Our Lord, 1810, Isaac Hutson, Sen., with a family consisting of a lovely and beautiful wife, and five interesting children, "bundled up" their movable effects, bade farewell to an aged father and mother, living near the village of Solon, Madison County, Ohio, and upon pack horses, in company with ten or twelve other

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fearless adventurers, plunged into the dense and trackless forests, traveled half way through the State of Ohio, across the Indiana Territory, and halted at Fort Lamot (La Motte), in Lamotte Prairie, Crawford County, Ill., just opposite Merom, on the west side of the Wabash River. The fort was then in process of erection, the Indians very troublesome, and as there were comparatively few persons engaged in building the fort, the unlooked for advent of the little emigrant party was hailed with irrepressible demonstrations of joy. But a looker-on would most certainly have been puzzled to decide which of the two parties were the happiest.

No letters of introduction, or observance of rigid forms of showy etiquette were required.

After a lonely, uncertain and fatiguing journey of many weeks; through cheerless wilds, without a sight of the "human face divine," exposed every hour to the scalping knife of the savage, and to the prowling beasts of the forest, their happiness on seeing the curling smoke, listening to the sound of the ax, and hearing the sweet songs of patriotism and civilization, was, to the appreciative, no matter of amazement.

Upon the other hand, the brave party of the fort, laboring and guarding, day and night, menaced by hostile Indians, whose fiendish yells and village tents could be heard and seen in the distance, and concerning whose bloody deeds they each day heard a fearful story—thus engaged and thus environed, no wonder that the immigrant arrival caused joy and gladness to the heroic defenders of the unfinished "City of Refuge." The newcomers, after a few days of rest and arrangements, willingly assisted in the urgent work of the fort, and it was to them a novel scene to witness the daily military manœuverings; to see the scouts return, some of them Indians,—treacherous wretches,—professing friendship for the whites at all hours of the day, reporting a greater or less number of warlike Indians seen in this or that direction, and very often reciting tales of murder, burning and bloodshed. One Indian, called "The Pet," soon attracted their respectful attention by his many and earnest pretentions of devotion to the white man; and this same dubious pet became, in a short time, the confidant of Mr. Isaac Hutson, who, unfortunate man, knew but little of the heartlessness of (pretended) Indian fidelity. Those but slightly acquainted with the history of the Indian War in the Wabash Valley in 1811-12, need not be informed that the situation of the citizens and soldiers of Fort Lamotte was anything but pleasant. But, notwithstanding the paucity of their numbers,—about two hundred soldiers and citizens,—being well armed, unflinchingly brave, and well skilled in the mode of Indian warfare, they became a terror to the savage foe for many leagues around; and this dread of the Spartan defenders of the fort was accompanied, of course, with burning hatred and fiendish plot against the whites of the surrounding country, without regard to age or sex. This hatred frequently culminated in the most cruel butcheries and horrid torturings of the unfortunate victims falling into their merciless grasp.

But finally the Indians moved their portable villages, seeking a more suitable field for their bloody tragedies, leaving only a few roving bands behind, which caused the farmers of the fort to immediately reoccupy their little improvements, consisting of log cabins and a few acres of cultivated lands adjoining their humble dwellings. The newcomers laid their claims, erected shanties or cabins upon them, cultivated small patches of ground, and began to feel, after having endured many hardships, a certain degree of safety in their limited agricultural pursuits, when the burning of the Hutson family aroused the whole country to arms, and reproduced those sickening scenes which they fondly, but vainly, hoped had forever passed. When I was quite young, my father, by repetitions of this heart-rending story to friends and strangers, so impressed my mind with the horrors of the hellish deed, as to cause in my heart an unconquerable hatred toward all the treacherous aborigines of America. There is upon the tablet of my memory an ineffaceable image of the revolting scene, and I hear a voice of duty, emanating from the mysterious depths of the conscience, saying, "Write!" and, although fifty-five years have elapsed, and Lamotte Prairie is one solid block of farms, adorned with beautiful frame houses, the lands once worth one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, now worth from forty to seventy dollars per acre, in the north, south, and east, seen at one glance, this historic prairie is skirted by three thriving villages, and where once was heard the reveille of Fort Lamotte, now is heard, from the neighboring Merom Bluff, the musical tones of the bell of Union Christian College, and I am encouraged to comply with the silent monitions of the voice, notwithstanding time and change. Ah!

do I not remember the alternate impulses of anger and pity, as the story progressed, touching Indian barbarity, and the untold pleadings and sufferings of the heroic wife and faithful children?—when the latter by the former were confined in the house, the house set on fire, and

The infant from the mother's breast was torn,
And then, by ruthless, bloody hands was borne
To the foaming caldron;
Into the kettle full of boiling soap,
They cast the mother's hope.
Thank God, the past shall ne'er return,
Instead the Indian, now the white man lives,
To whom a Providence so freely gives
This land.

Mr. Hutson's cabin was built in the northern edge of the prairie, where now stands a large brick house, two miles south of the village of Hutsonville, named for him in memoriam of his deep affliction.

The victory gained over the Indians by General Harrison and his brave army, at Tippecanoe, on the morning of the 7th of November, 1811, struck terror into the savage hordes all along the frontier of Indiana, and for a few months the Indians put on the deceptive semblance of peace. The men ventured away from home on business of urgent necessity, but not without feelings of uneasiness and dread, at times almost fearing to return lest they should find their families butchered or burned up by the implacable enemy, whose wrath was liable to return in rages of untold fury.

"We should suspect some danger nigh,
Where we possess delight."

Mr. Hutson not unfrequently experienced a delusive degree of safety, at least to his family in his absence, from the repeated assurances of the Pet Indian of the friendly disposition of the neighboring tribes. On a lovely day in the summer of 1812, Mr. Hutson crossed over to the Indiana side, to procure some provisions, the informant, a personal friend of Mr. Hutson, says a sack of meal, but did not return until late in the evening, and then, not to meet, as he often had, a smiling wife and bounding children, but to be a witness of the sad and overwhelming fact that his dear ones were no more. In a low place in the prairie, he was met by his trusty dog, and knew at once from Rover's unmistakable signs of grief, that all was not right. He came with surprising speed, and when opposite his master, who had been, on account of a tired horse and a heavy boat, traveling slowly, stopped suddenly, placed his fore feet upon the end of the sack, whined piteously, darted off in the direction of the cabin, howling most sorrowfully. For a moment the horse and rider were still; the impatient dog repeated the ominous signs, which caused the father and husband to feel strange sensations of heart and blood. Mr. Hutson threw the sack upon the ground,

And spurred to dangerous speed,
His panting, tired steed.

Ascending a rolling eminence, about one mile from his humble dwelling, he saw the smoldering flames, the faint glare, the curling smoke, but no groans of pain or shrieks of despair came from the hissing coals and sighing embers of the pioneer's cabin. The dog encircled the fire with piercing howls; the master sat motionless upon his foaming horse for several awful minutes, then gave vent to a flood of tears, which he quickly brushed away with the rough hand of toil, and raising his manly form, nerving his legs, placing his feet against the sides of his noble steed, he took an oath of revenge upon all Indians, friendly and unfriendly, after which, he repeated, in angry tones, "The Pet Indian! The Pet Indian!" A few moments of silence ensued; the features grew pale; the hand which had been raised to heaven in the fearful oath, fell listlessly upon the mane; the system relaxed; the face became haggard; the countenance beseeching; the eyes now incapable of tears—for sorrow may dry their fountain—were turned toward heaven, but now, with the most pitiable expression, the sorrow-smitten pioneer cried out, "My wife! O, my children!" But this agonizing expression of grief received no answer, save the hideous echo of the adjacent forest.

Mr. Hutson, within one hour after his arrival at the scene of the destruction of his earthly hopes, became partially capable of reasoning, and was inspired with the hope, first, that his family had escaped to some of the neighbors for protection and were safe, or perhaps to the fort. Under this pleasing impression, he started off through the settlement, hailing the houses, but receiving no answer, and arriving at the fort found most of the settlers there collected for mutual defense and protection against the hated foe, but no wife or children, which caused him

to exclaim, with a heart-rending tone, "Burned to death, or miserable captives!"

Others had tales of burning houses, murdered friends, and captured children to relate, but the thoughtful and the self-possessed advised preparation for a defense, for the "crouching foe," said one, "may now be near us." "Let them come," said Mr. Hutson, "I have been robbed of all that is worth living for, and I long to meet the enemy that I may drown my sorrow in the sweets of revenge."

The dreary night passed away and the morning's sun, if it fell in apparent mockery upon the ashes and charred bones of wife and children, also cast its golden rays upon the heroic citizen soldier prepared for the pursuit and punishment of the retreating savages, but the pursuit was in vain; the main body of the enemy escaped.

This pursuing party, in passing the cinders of the emigrant's cabin, stopped just long enough to cast looks of mingled wrath and commiseration upon the glaring relics, and then, with dire resolve, dashed forth into forest and glade, through the rank grass of the prairies, into the willows and ambush of their borders. Forward! with the speed and fearlessness of those accustomed to facing danger and enduring perils of every revolting description, moved the brave avengers. We remarked that their pursuit was in vain, but those eager pursuers, perhaps thought differently, for many a straggler did their unerring rifles bring to the dust. And the red men, finding that the whites were in pursuit and in desperate earnestness, stopped not until they had put many miles between them and the dreaded pale-faced foe.

Mr. Hutson, with a few intimate friends, remained for a while at the place which had been to him more like home than all other localities of temporary stays, since his restless residence upon the border. There was here and there a flickering blaze, a few glaring coals and charred, smoking forms. Water was applied; the intensity of the heat reduced, and an examination made which revealed the frightful fact,—adding another bloody page to the history of Indian barbarity,—that Mrs. Hutson and her six children had been consumed in the fire.

The bones of Mrs. Hutson and those of her nearest son were found near the fireplace. As the doors were barred, they had either attempted to climb out of the chimney, or rescue the little babe from the soap kettle into which it had been thrown, no doubt before the house was fired. The kettle was suspended from an old fashioned crane, which was fastened in the jam, and swung around like a gate. Think of the feelings of that mother when she saw her tender infant, about six months old, torn from her bosom by bloody hands and cast into the kettle. The sweet little hands are seen struggling with the bubbling surface; the strangling gurgle is heard; the foaming lava leaps the sides of the kettle; a noise of quenching fire is heard, mingled with the pleadings of the agonized mother, the deafening screams of the children and the threats of the brutal savages. Then followed the blows of the tomahawk; deep wounds were inflicted, from which the blood in streams did flow; the rough unpolished puncheon floor was colored red with human gore. The doors were fastened and the rude cabin set on fire. Around the burning house the remorseless red men danced with fiendish glee and yelled with demoniac merriment.

What must have been the feelings of those helpless, wounded ones, when the consuming heat and hissing flames enveloped them—and one of their murderers a professed friend—the Pet Indian!

Mr. Hutson kept his vow of revenge, for many a redskin fell before his unerring musket. The memory of his wife and children, at sight of an Indian, rendered him a dangerous, daring and reckless foe. How could it be otherwise? Human endurance has its limits, and, driven to desperation, hopeless madness, no wonder that life itself became an offering of small consideration.

BIOGRAPHICAL

CHAPTER XVII.

THE PART OF BIOGRAPHY IN GENERAL HISTORY—CITIZENS OF CRAWFORD COUNTY AND OUTLINES OF PERSONAL HISTORY—PERSONAL SKETCHES ARRANGED IN ENCYCLOPEDIC ORDER.

The verdict of mankind has awarded to the Muse of History the highest place among the Classic Nine. The extent of her office, however, appears to be, by many minds, but imperfectly understood. The task of the historian is comprehensive and exacting. True history reaches beyond the doings of court or camp, beyond the issues of battles or the effects of treaties, and records the trials and the triumphs, the failures and the successes of the men who make history. It is but an imperfect conception of the philosophy of events that fails to accord to portraiture and biography its rightful position as a part—and no unimportant part—of historic narrative. Behind and beneath the activities of outward life the motive power lies out of sight, just as the furnace fires that work the piston and keep the ponderous screw revolving down in the darkness of the hold. So, the impulsive power which shapes the course of communities may be found in the molding influences which form its citizens.

It is no mere idle curiosity that prompts men to wish to learn the private, as well as the public, lives of their fellows. Rather is it true that such desire tends to prove universal brotherhood; and the interest in personality and biography is not confined to men of any particular caste or vocation.

The list of those, to whose lot it falls to play a conspicuous part in the great drama of life, is comparatively short; yet communities are made up of individuals, and the aggregate of achievements—no less than the sum total of human happiness—is made up of the deeds of those men and women whose primary aim, through life, is faithfully to perform the duty that comes nearest to hand. Individual influences upon human affairs will be considered potent or insignificant, according to the standpoint from which it is viewed. To him who, standing upon the seashore, notes the ebb and flow of the tides and listens to the sullen roar of the waves, as they break upon the beach in seething foam, seemingly chafing at their limitations, the ocean appears so vast as to need no tributaries. Yet, without the smallest rill that helps to swell the "Father of Waters," the mighty torrent of the Mississippi would be lessened, and the beneficent influence of the Gulf Stream diminished. Countless streams, currents and counter currents—sometimes mingling, sometimes counteracting each other—collectively combine to give motion to the accumulated mass of waters. So is it—and so must it ever be—in the ocean of human action, which is formed by the blending and repulsion of currents of thought, of influence and of life, yet more numerous and more tortuous than those which form the "fountains of the deep." The acts and characters of men, like the several faces that compose a composite picture, are wrought together into a compact or heterogeneous whole. History is condensed biography; "Biography is History teaching by example."

It is both interesting and instructive to rise above the generalization of history and trace, in the personality and careers of the men from whom it sprang, the principles and influences, the impulses and ambitions, the labors, struggles and triumphs that engross their lives.

Here are recorded the careers and achievements of pioneers who, "when the fulness of time had come," came from widely separated sources, some from beyond the sea, impelled by divers motives, little conscious of the import of their acts, and but dimly anticipating the harvest which would spring from the sowing. They built their primitive homes, toiling for a present subsistence while laying the foundations of private fortunes and future advancement.

Most of these have passed away, but not before they beheld a development of business and population surpassing the wildest dreams of fancy or expectation. A few yet remain whose years have passed the allotted three-score and ten, and who love to recount, among the cherished memories of their lives, their reminiscences of early days.

[The following items of personal and family history, having been arranged in encyclopedic (or alphabetical) order as to names of the individual subjects, no special index to this part of the work will be found necessary.]

ADAMS, William C. (deceased), for many years successfully engaged in farming in Montgomery Township, Crawford County, was born February 12, 1824, son of Eli Adams, who came of Kentucky pioneer stock, his father William Adams having settled where Elizabethtown in that State now stands. Eli Adams and his uncle, James Baird, who was later killed by the Indians, came to Crawford County, Ill., in 1810,

when there were very few settlements, and the Indians and wild beasts were plentiful. Here he married Elizabeth Shaw, who became the mother of thirteen children, all born in Crawford County. William C. Adams was educated in the county in the pioneer schools. On March 14, 1850, he married Lowduskey Johnson, born July 27, 1829, daughter of pioneer parents. Mr. and Mrs. Adams became the parents of the following children: Sarah E., Elisha Goodwin, Augustus, John Franklin, Sue, Philander and Ida D. Mr. and Mrs. Adams early united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Adams became the owner of 558 acres of excellent farming land, and operated his property for many years. In politics he was a Democrat and served as School Treasurer for a long period.

ANDERSON, Alexander.—The quota sent by Illinois to serve in defense of the country during the Civil War was one of the largest of any of the States, in proportion to the population. Thousands were literally poured out, and many never returned, but those who did remain to be held in grateful reverence by those who have come after and enjoy the results of the bravery of the veterans. Alexander Anderson is one of those who so risked his life, although he was little more than a lad when he enlisted. He was born in Paris, Edgar County, Ill., April 24, 1844, a son of Jonathan Alexander Anderson, who died in Crawford County in 1845, when Alexander Anderson was about a year old. The father was a farmer, and the boy was left an orphan as his mother had died when he was only four weeks old, in Edgar County, in May, 1845. In May, 1844, Jonathan A. Anderson came to Crawford County, where he remained until his death in the following year.

Alexander Anderson attended school in La Motte Township, and on the farm of his brother-in-law in Robinson Township, earned his own living from the time he was twelve years old. On February 18, 1866, Mr. Anderson married Mary E. Donnell, born in Crawford County in 1846, a daughter of Jesse and Rebecca (Harris) Donnell, natives of Tennessee and Illinois, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson had two children: Alma, born August 30, 1869, died April 17, 1887, in Portland, Oregon, unmarried; Harley, born October 4, 1872, died June 1, 1874, in Robinson Township. Mrs. Anderson died November 26, 1891. Mr. Anderson married a second time, January 18, 1893, taking as his wife, Rebecca Folck, the Rev. Jackson officiating, the ceremony being performed in the Methodist church. Mrs. Anderson is a daughter of A. S. and Sarah (Fogwell) Folck, natives of Greene County, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have had two children: Mary, born March 5, 1897, and Harold Raymond, born September 12, 1901. Mr. Anderson is a Republican, a Methodist in religious belief and has been a member of that denomination for fourteen years, while his wife has belonged to it for twenty-six years. Fraternally he is a member of the I. O. O. F., and of the G. A. R., Longenecker Post of Robinson. Mr. Anderson owns three fine farms, consisting of 360 acres, situated in Robinson and Honey Creek Townships, and he has two substantial houses on his farms. In addition to his residence in Robinson, which is a modern house of eleven rooms on Jefferson Street, he owns two other residences on North Cross Street.

On August 12, 1861, Mr. Anderson enlisted at Robinson, Crawford County, in Company D, Thirtieth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Capt. Thomas Markley commanding. Among the engagements in which he participated were the following: Fort Donelson, Siege of Vicksburg, Kenesaw Mountain, and was in the Siege of Atlanta. He was wounded at Fort Donelson, and was in the Paducah, Ky., hospital; also wounded at Siege of Atlanta, and sent to hospital at Rome, Ga. His service was a gallant one, and he was mustered out at Springfield, Ill., in 1865. While he was brave on the battle field, he was equally brave in his battle with life, and has come out a conqueror. Commencing life with absolutely nothing, an orphan, he has gradually worked himself up until he now is a wealthy man, and enjoys in marked degree the confidence and respect of his neighbors and friends.

ARMSTRONG, John W.—The debt owed by the Government and the American people to the veteran of the Civil War can never be adequately discharged, for it is one that cannot be overestimated. But for the loyalty, the patriotism and the bravery of those who never stopped to think of personal safety, there would be no Union, and this country would not to-day rank among the foremost powers of the world. All honor and glory should be given to the veterans of the Civil War. It will not be long that we have any left with us. The ranks are rapidly thinning, and while the opportunity is given us to show our reverence and admiration, we ought not to stint either.

Among the veterans of Crawford County is John W. Armstrong, of Section 34, Montgomery Township, who was born in Seneca County, Ohio, February 16, 1839. He is a son of William Armstrong, a native of Ireland, who was brought to this country when three years old. His parents and four brothers composed the little party that located in Pennsylvania, where his parents died, and William was adopted by a family in that State and reared to maturity. He came to Seneca County, Ohio, after being married in Pennsylvania, and had a large family. He lived there several years before his death. The eldest of the family worked to keep the family together, and sent the younger to school. When the mother married Joseph Coffelt, April 11, 1856, times were easier, for the step-father took the three younger children with him to Warren County, Ind., and there George, Frances and Jane were reared. Later John W. went to Philo, Ill., where a brother had located, remained one summer, and then returned to Ohio, from whence he enlisted, August 14, 1862, in the One Hundred and First Ohio Volunteer Infantry, commanded by Colonel Leander Steem, with Captain Noble in

Yours truly,
William C. Jones.

command of his company, which was Company K. From Tiffin, where he enlisted, they were sent to Monroeville, where they were in camp. After three weeks they were ordered to Covington, Ky., where they spent three weeks more, and then went to Louisville, Ky. From there the command followed General Bragg to Chickamauga. At the battle of Chickamauga, Mr. Armstrong was captured and sent to Belle Isle, Richmond, where he remained from October 1 to December 20, 1863, and was then sent to the prison at Danville, Va., where he was detained until March 16, 1864. On that date he was sent to Andersonville, Ga., and there remained until November, 1864, when he was exchanged and sent to Annapolis, Md., and from there to Camp Chase, Ohio, where he was honorably discharged, June 29, 1865, and was mustered out after his gallant and trying service. During his active service, Mr. Armstrong participated in the following battles: Perryville and Hoover's Gap, Ky.; Stone River, Tenn.; Chickamauga and numerous skirmishes.

Mr. Armstrong spent the year following his discharge in Seneca County, Ohio, and then engaged in farming on 130 acres of rented land in that county. On February 5, 1867, he married Sarah Ann Feasel, a daughter of George and Jane (Anderson) Feasel, farmers of Seneca County, Ohio. After marriage Mr. Armstrong remained on the same farm, but later bought eighty acres and engaged in farming in conjunction with his rented property. He continued there until 1886 when he came to Montgomery Township, Crawford County, and purchased his present farm. His first farm consisted of 156 acres, 25 acres of which he has cleared. The barn was built by him and he has put enough repairs and improvements on his house to have built a new one, but the result is very satisfactory. He has added 74 acres to his homestead, which is a very valuable property. Having earned all he owns through his own efforts, Mr. Armstrong naturally is proud of the results he has attained, and takes a great deal of pleasure out of his fine farm and comfortable home. He and his wife dispense a cheery hospitality, and their many friends delight to visit them. Mr. Armstrong has been a hearty supporter of Republican principles ever since the formation of the party. His first vote was cast for Abraham Lincoln, and he has voted for the candidates of his party ever since and rejoices in every triumph it achieves. While in Ohio he was Township Trustee for three years and made a good official. He takes great pleasure in recalling the stirring events of his war experience, and he has every reason to be proud of what he did. His service was faithful; he never shirked a duty or showed the white feather but was as good a soldier as he has been a private citizen. Such men as he are too few and his type are dying out, but there are still some left to share with him the respect and confidence of a grateful country.

Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong have had two children: Orville F., whose farm joins his father's on the north; and Amanda, who died when five months old. Orville F. married Nora Iliff and they have three children, one boy and two girls.

ARNOLD, William Wright.—It is always gratifying to a man to come to the realization that he is ranked among the foremost members of his chosen profession, but to attain that position by the time he has reached his thirtieth year is an honor which comes to but few. Such, however, has been the case with William Wright Arnold, a well known member of the Crawford County Bar, practicing at Robinson, Ill., where he is also prominent in business and financial circles. Mr. Arnold was born October 14, 1878, at Oblong, Crawford County, son of Berzelius Mitchell and Mary Catherine (Baker) Arnold, who emigrated to Crawford County, Ill., from Perry County, Ohio, about 1870, in a prairie schooner. Berzelius M. Arnold was born in 1849 near Reading, Ohio, and died at Oblong, Ill., July 22, 1888, his life having been spent as a merchant and stock dealer. Mr. Arnold's mother, who was born in Perry County, Ohio, in 1849, is now residing at Robinson, Ill.

William Wright Arnold first attended the public schools of his native place, and then entered the Robinson High School, from which he was graduated with the class of 1898, although in the meantime he had spent about one year at Austin College, Effingham, Ill. Subsequently he entered the University of Illinois, and in 1901 graduated from the Law Department of that institution with the degree of LL. B. For one year he taught a public school in Crawford County and read law in the office of W. C. Jones during the vacation months, and in October, 1901, was admitted to the Illinois Bar, beginning practice the first of the following month as a member of the firm of Jones, McCarty & Arnold. He ranks high among the members of his profession in this section, and is regarded as a public-spirited citizen, ready at all times to give of his best efforts to movements calculated to benefit the community. In business circles he is also well known, being a member of the Robinson Chamber of Commerce, of which he is a Director, and holding a like position with the Farmers' and Producers' Bank. His politics are those of the Democratic party and he is a member of the Democratic County Central Committee. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church and fraternally is a member of the following Masonic bodies: Robinson Lodge, No. 250, Harmony Chapter, R. A. M.; Gorin Commandery, No. 14, Knights Templar, Olney; Oriental Consistory, Chicago, and Medinah Temple, Mystic Shrine, Chicago. He also belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Odd Fellows, Robinson Lodge, and is a member of his college fraternity, the Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

ATHEY, J. T. (deceased), for many years well known in Crawford County, Ill., as one of the farmers and stockmen of Licking Township, was born in Frederick County, Md., son of Robert and Louisa (Smith) Athey, in 1831. His

father was born in Prince William County, Md., in 1801, and the latter probably in the same county, in 1810. They removed to Licking County, Ohio, where the mother died in 1835. They had three children: James T., William and Milton. In 1838 the father married Mary Roberts and they had seven children. In 1850 the father moved to Illinois, settling in Hutsonville Township, Crawford County, where he bought 200 acres of land. Coming to Illinois when a young man, James T. Athey was married in 1855 to Uretta S. Baker, by whom he had the following family: George, Henry, Clarissa, Mary and an infant who died unnamed. Mrs. Athey dying, in July, 1882, Mr. Athey married Elvina Simms, daughter of Conrad and Charity (Shook) Simms. Mr. and Mrs. Simms had four sons and four daughters who settled in the vicinity of their parents. Mr. Athey became the owner of 220 acres of land in Licking Township, and was one of the substantial men of his community.

ATHEY, Robert D.—Farming and stock-raising have always been kindred and very profitable lines of business activity, especially in those states fitted by location, soil and climatic conditions for the successful prosecution of them. Crawford County, Ill., located as it is in the Wabash Valley, is particularly fitted for the development of extensive agricultural interests, and many of the leading men of this locality are thus engaged. Among those who have been particularly successful in this line may well be mentioned Robert D. Athey, farmer and stockman of Section 18, Crawford County. He was born in Licking County, Ohio, March 12, 1848, a son of Thomas Lewis Athey, who was born May 16, 1803, in Fauquier County, Va., where he was reared and educated and where he married Mary Elizabeth Thompson.

Thomas L. Athey, son of Elijah Athey, and father of Robert D., was a cooper by trade, and worked at that occupation in Virginia until he was about thirty years old. He then moved to Licking County, Ohio, and there continued to follow his trade for seventeen years. He had been married in Virginia in 1831 to Mary Elizabeth Thompson, and they became the parents of the following children: Franklin, born August 19, 1836, died in 1903; William H., born in December, 1839; Thomas George,, born October 16, 1841; Jane, born January 23, 1835; Minerva, born August 12, 1845; Robert D., born March 12, 1848. The mother of these children died in Ohio just before her husband removed to Illinois. Thomas Athey married in 1856, Mrs. Virginia Lichliter, widow of William Lichliter, and they became the parents of three sons: Alpheus L., born December 16, 1856; Marshall E., born July 28, 1858, and Willis Riley, born June 18, 1863. The last named was killed by a falling tree. His brother, Robert D. Athey heard him cry out, and hurried to his assistance, but was horrified to find him lying beneath the tree, badly injured, and he died three days later as the result of his injuries.

Thomas Athey came to Crawford County, Ill., in 1851, first locating at Eaton, that county, where he bought 100 acres of unimproved land, upon which he first built a log house 18 x 20 feet. After living there about three years, the elder son, Franklin, sold the farm to David Urnstat.

Robert D. Athey was about three years old when his father came to Crawford County, and attended school for about six months in his life, being forced to begin working as soon as he was old enough to be useful. He remained with his father until he was sixteen, and then worked by the month for his cousin, W. F. Athey, with whom he remained until his marriage, November 9, 1871, to Felicia Bennett, a daughter of James Bennett, and a native of Crawford County, to which locality her father had come from New York State at an early day. Mr. and Mrs. Athey have had two children: Walter Scott and an infant who died at birth, the mother dying at the same time. Mrs. Athey was born January 21, 1851, her death occurring June 5, 1878. Mr. Athey had rented a farm from his cousin when he married, and on it his first wife died. This cousin built a house on the property for Mr. Athey. For two years following his wife's death, Mr. Athey lived on this farm. He was then married to Emily J. Steinbaugh, widow of Henry Steinbaugh, and a daughter of John and Elizabeth Newlin. Mr. and Mrs. Athey (second) became the parents of the following children: Mary E., born January 9, 1881; Robert David, born January 4, 1883, died October 12, 1889; Valmore, born March 19, 1885; Laura, born June 4, 1887; Catherine, born December 10, 1889, and an infant, born January 9, 1891, died January 17, 1891. The second Mrs. Athey died November 11, 1902, and in 1903 he married a sister of his second wife, and now Mrs. Adaline Athey.

Since his last marriage Mr. Athey has resided upon the farm belonging to his present wife. It is located in Prairie Township, and on it the first oil well in Crawford County was opened. The event drew crowds from a wide extent of country. There are now seven oil wells on the place in addition to three gas wells that supply the city of Robinson with gas.

Besides being the place on which oil was first discovered in Crawford County, this farm has been the scene of a number of remarkable events. On one occasion it was visited by a cyclone which took off the roof of the house, but left the family sitting inside unharmed. It also tore off a shingle and drove it through the limb of a tree about an inch in diameter, which is still preserved as a curiosity at Annapolis.

Mr. Athey has been a member of the Christian Church for twenty-seven years, and is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Annapolis, Ill. He has always been a Democrat, and held the office of Supervisor of Crawford County for four years. He had charge of the county farm during the latter part of his administration, and was Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for two years. He is one

of the most substantial and reliable men of Crawford County, and is highly respected by all who know him.

A matter of interest in connection with the history of the Athey family, is the fact that Thomas Athey was a member of the band which he helped to organize and which welcomed Lafayette when he visited Illinois and portions of the East and South in 1825.

ATHEY, Thomas George.—The farming interests of Crawford County, Ill., are very strong, for it is located in a very fertile part of the State, and the results of farming operations are very satisfactory. Illinois is a great agricultural State so that there are very many of its citizens engaged in farming, and they are numbered among the most intelligent, as well as most progressive of its men.

Thomas George Athey of Section 6, Prairie Township, Crawford County, is an excellent example of the prosperous Illinois farmer of today. He was born in Licking County, Ohio, October 16, 1841, and was ten years old when his father came to Crawford County. He had entered school in Ohio, and continued to attend school in his new home. The name of the old school house, built of logs, to which he first went in Crawford County, was the Thompson School. This was burned and a new one was erected within forty rods of his father's farm. He had to walk a mile to attend the first school, but the new one was very convenient. During his vacations and after school he helped his father until he was fourteen years old, and then began working for Holliday Newlin, with whom he continued four months, when he was taken ill and returned home to recover. His next employer was Dr. Hill, who was also a farmer. Mr. Athey remained at this place through the winter, then worked at home, cutting timber and hauling logs six miles, delivering them along the line of a proposed fence. In the spring these logs were split and the fences made.

In 1871 Mr. Athey married Euphemia Kirk, daughter of James and Keziah (Patterson) Kirk, and after marriage moved onto the farm where William Wood now lives. A year later he came back to the homestead where he remained two years, when he and his wife went to live on her mother's farm, her father then being deceased. Mr. Athey took charge of this farm and after operating it two years, bought 68 acres near his present farm. They remained on the farm of his mother-in-law until he built a home on his own farm. Mr. Athey has added to his holdings until he now owns 159 acres.

Mr. and Mrs. Athey have had the following children: William Herbert, born September 20, 1872; James Thomas, born January 26, 1876. November 11, 1901, William married Ella Lamb, a daughter of Isaac and Scisly (Ryan) Lamb. Isaac Lamb is a farmer of Prairie Township. James Thomas married, June 5, 1900, Mabel I. Condon, a daughter of Louis Henry and Nancy E. (Brace) Condon, her father being born April 11, 1836, and her mother May 2, 1837. They were married April 7, 1856, and became the parents of the following family: George Stephens, born June 26, 1859; Edgar Elias, born April 3, 1860; Isaac Newton, born July 27, 1862; Carrie A., born September 13, 1864; Ada Libbie, born April 11, 1868; Louis Kinnie, born June 2, 1874; Mabel Iva, born February 5, 1879, and Nancy. The three older boys are in Butte, Mont., engaged in general merchandising business. Louis served for one term in the United States Navy, and is now a painter. The rest of the family live on Princeton Avenue, Chicago.

James Thomas Athey attended school until he was fourteen years old, when he went to Robinson High School for a year. He then attended the U. C. College at Merom, Ind., for a year, after which he taught school, beginning at eighteen years of age and continuing until he was twenty-one. He then went to Chicago and worked for the Union Traction Company for five years, later married in Chicago, and brought his family home.

Mr. Athey has three wells on his property producing 50 barrels per day. He belongs to Crawford Lodge No. 666 A. F. and A. M., and has been a Master Mason for fifteen years. In politics he is a Democrat, although he is not an office-seeker. For many years he has been a member of the Christian Church, and is liberal in his support of it. Mr. Athey is a prosperous, self-made man, and has many friends throughout the county.

ATHEY, William F. (deceased), formerly a prosperous farmer and stock-raiser of Hutsonville Township, was born in Licking County, Ohio, July 17, 1833, a son of Robert Athey, born in Fauquier County, Va., April 23, 1801. In 1830 Robert Athey moved to Licking County, Ohio, and in the fall of 1850 located in Crawford County, Ill., finally retiring to a farm of 200 acres in Hutsonville Township. His father was Elijah Athey, who was also born in Virginia and came of Scotch descent. The death of Elijah Athey occurred in Ohio in 1836 at the age of eighty-four years. The mother of William F. Athey was a Miss Eliza Smith before marriage, who was born in Virginia and died in 1835, aged thirty, having borne her husband three children, of whom William F. Athey was the second. The early life of William F. Athey was spent on his father's farm, and he secured a common school education in his neighborhood. When he was twenty-one years old he began working as a hired man, but in 1859 bought 80 acres of land which he later increased to 960 acres, all in one body. He raised considerable stock and dealt extensively in that line. In 1859 he married Adeline Newlin, a native of Crawford County. In politics he was a Democrat.

BAILEY, Samuel.—A very prominent figure in Crawford County oil fields, and a man of influence in his own community, is Samuel Bailey, of Section 28, Martin Township, who was born

in Clay County, Ind., November 7, 1843, a son of William Bailey. The latter was the son of Abram Bailey, who owned a large plantation in Alabama. Until he was thirty years old William Bailey remained with his father, but was then married to Rachel Littlejohn, daughter of Samuel Littlejohn, a farmer. Seven children were born of this marriage: Polly, Henry, John, Samuel, Thomas David, Susan and Sarah. At the time of his marriage William Bailey went to Crab Orchard, Ky., and from there moved to Clay County, Ind. From Clay County he came to Crawford County in August, 1847, and for the following winter rented a home in Robinson Township. He then moved to Martin Township, and bought about an acre on which to build a home. Here he lived until about 1852, when his death occurred in March of that year. His wife survived him for several years.

Samuel Bailey was brought by his parents to Crawford County when he was four years old, and his first school experience was obtained at Hardinsville where there was a log school house. He had to walk about three miles to school. The next school was called the Templeton School and was supported by subscription. On account of lack of money he was not able to attend school very much, but he carefully remembered all he learned, and when in 1858 the free schools were established, he eagerly embraced the opportunity then offered, and attended until he was twenty, although all the time he was attending school he helped his mother and remained with her until his marriage at twenty-six. This occurred January 31, 1869, when he was married to Emily E. Carter, a daughter of Joseph Carter, a farmer. She was born and reared and educated in Honey Creek Township, Crawford County. The maiden name of her mother was Susan Dunlap, a daughter of William Dunlap, who lived in Honey Creek Township, where he died. William Dunlap was an early settler of La Motte Township. At the time he came to Crawford County Indians were numerous in the county.

Although Mr. Bailey wanted to prove his patriotism and go into the war, he yielded to advice and remained at home to look after his mother. Prior to his marriage he bought ten acres of land, and he and his bride began their married life there in a log cabin, which he soon replaced with a better dwelling. In 1879 he bought his present property of 80 acres, and ever since has been adding to his holdings. He purchased the interests of the other heirs in the old home, and bought 40 acres adjoining it. He has 160 acres in Claremont Township, Richland County, three miles west of Sumner, and 120 acres near Bridgeport. At one time he owned 480 acres. In 1907 oil was discovered on his property and he now has eight wells in active operation.

Mr. Bailey has always voted the Democratic ticket, and has taken an active part in local affairs. He served as Constable of Martin Township for twelve years, and for eight years was Bailiff of the Court for the Grand Jury at Robinson, and for six years served as Township Commissioner. Like his father before him, he is a consistent member of the Baptist Church, in which he is a deacon. His wife is also a member of and active worker in the church, and both are very popular in it and in the community generally.

BAILEY, Thomas David.—The generation of today has no conception of what those who prepared the way for them endured of privation, lack of comforts and sometimes even of necessities, in order to accomplish great ends, and develop this wonderful Middle West. Thomas D. Bailey, of Section 31, Martin Township, is a native of Crawford County, and passed through many experiences that his children cannot now realize. He was born in Robinson Township, November 1, 1849, a son of William Bailey, who was a native of Alabama, where he owned a plantation, and was there married to Rachel Littlejohn, daughter of Samuel Littlejohn. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bailey came to Crawford County in wagons drawn by horses, stopping first for a short time in Indiana. They located in Martin Township, and there the parents died, the father about 1855 and the mother in 1886.

Like many young men of his day, he was reared on the farm and received his education in various subscription schools. Remaining at home until twenty-four years old, he was then married to Sarah Jane Carter, daughter of Joseph and Susan (Dunlap) Carter. Mrs. Bailey was born in Crawford County, and here reared. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey have children as follows: William Frank, Rachel Ann, Samuel, Thomas Henry, John, Joseph, Sarah Emily, Delia, Archie and Bessie H. Mrs. Bailey is a member of the Baptist Church, to which Mr. Bailey is a very liberal contributor. In politics he is a Democrat, and has served as Township Commissioner for three years. Brought up to hard work and strict discipline on the farm, Mr. Bailey developed into a sturdy farmer of remarkable force of character, an upright man, and one who holds the confidence and esteem of his neighbors. He owns a farm of 132 acres, which he has lived on for over twenty years.

BAKER, Edward Sheridan, attorney-at-law, Robinson, Ill. Of commanding presence and lofty character, always maintaining the highest conception of his profession, and marked by an intensiveness of purpose and of serene integrity, Edward Sheridan Baker, Postmaster of Robinson, Crawford County, Ill., is a man who, for a long period, has exerted an influence on public men and public measures for the ultimate good of both. Mr. Baker was born in Fountain County, Ind., December 25, 1872, a son of Allen and Melvina (McMasters) Baker, the father, Allen Timberman Baker, also being born in Fountain County, October 31, 1826. The grandfather, Andrew Baker, came from Virginia to Indiana, in 1825, and his father, Christopher

Mary K. Jones.

Baker, came from Germany. The mother was born in Parke County, Ind., April 15, 1837, a daughter of Andy and Julia (Jones) McMasters. The grandfather McMasters was from North Carolina.

Edward S. Baker attended the common and high schools of Robinson, being graduated from the latter with honor May 17, 1894, as valedictorian of his class, and later served as a teacher of public schools for some years throughout the county. In those days the young people were willing to undergo some hardships to secure an education. While attending school in Robinson, Mr. Baker walked three and a half miles to and from school each way daily, no matter what was the weather, and he believes the exertion did him good. Deciding upon the law as a profession, Mr. Baker entered the office of Callahan, Jones & Lowe, as a student, and for two years read law in that connection, October 15, 1897, being admitted to the Bar. In May of the following year he began practice, and a year later became the junior member of the firm of Jones, Eagleton & Baker. When Judge Jones retired a year later, the firm became Eagleton & Baker, and thus continued until February 20, 1907, when President Roosevelt appointed him Postmaster of the city of Robinson, a position which he still fills. Mr. Baker was honored by the people of Robinson by election to the office of City Attorney, which he occupied two years, has also served as Deputy Circuit Clerk, and was Secretary of the Commercial Club of Robinson. Fraternally he is a member of the A. F. & A. M. He affiliates with the Baptist Church, in which he has been deacon since 1892, as well as a member of the Board of Trustees. He is Superintendent of the Sunday School and leads the singing in that body.

On September 1, 1897, at Hutsonville, Ill., Mr. Baker was married to Miss Ida Everingham, daughter of George B. and Anna (Musgrave) Everingham, a prosperous farmer living near Hutsonville. Mr. Everingham served during the Civil War as Captain of Company F, Sixty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, as did Mr. Baker's father, the latter being a member of Company H, Sixty-third Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and both are members of the G. A. R. Mr. and Mrs. Baker have children as follows: Dorothy, born June 8, 1898; Bertram Raymond, born February 22, 1900; Andrew Everingham, born September 10, 1901; George Allen, born October 31, 1903; Clarence Edward, born November 11, 1905, and Helen Theodora, born March 17, 1908.

The Baker home is on West Main Street, one mile outside of the city of Robinson and is a handsome residence which is modern in every respect and can be seen for miles around, standing in the midst of a 60-acre farm which has been brought up to a high state of cultivation. By his honorable professional career as a public official, his thoughtful interest in other persons and things, and by his genial social qualities, Mr. Baker has well earned the confidence and esteem of his fellow townsmen and all who know him.

BAKER, Joseph S.—When Crawford County, Ill., was still almost undeveloped prairie and timber land, and while wild game was plentiful, was born in Knox County, Ky., on October 11, 1842, Joseph S. Baker, who was later destined to make Crawford County his home. He is a son of Andrew Jackson Baker, now deceased, who was born in North Carolina, but following the westward stream of emigration, came to Kentucky when a young man, and was there married to Nancy Sutherland. She was born in Claibourne County, Tenn, and died in Arkansas, while the father died in Kentucky. Joseph S. Baker is the third child in the family of seven children—three sons and four daughters—born to his parents.

Joseph had barely finished his education in the district schools when war was declared, and fired with patriotism, he enlisted in Company G, Fifteenth Arkansas Volunteer Infantry, and served for twelve months, participating in the Siege of Vicksburg, where he was taken prisoner. Later he was paroled, and returned home, and from there came to Illinois, but in 1863 re-enlisted in the Fourteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry and served until the close of the war, when he returned to Illinois and was mustered out at Springfield. His brother Solomon also served in the Civil War. Liking the locality, Joseph settled on his present farm in Honey Creek Township, and on November 27, 1865, was married to Virginia Updike, a native of Crawford County, where she was reared. Mrs. Baker is a daughter of John and Mary (Warner) Updike, now deceased, who were of the pioneers of Honey Creek Township. Coming from Virginia at an early day, Mr. Updike entered land from the Government. Although he then had six sons, all are now deceased. Mrs. Baker, like her husband, was educated in the early schools of the township, and there they became acquainted and the friendship thus formed later ripened into love.

When Mr. and Mrs. Baker first settled on their property it consisted of 90 acres, but Mr. Baker has gradually added to it until he now owns 471 acres, the greater part of which he has cleared and added all the improvements, including a comfortable residence and good barn. For forty-three years he has carried on general farming and stock-raising with gratifying results, and he is justly regarded as one of the representative farmers of his locality.

Mrs. and Mrs. Baker have had the following family: Cornelia Calvin, Charles Millard, Samantha Elzora, Roselia, John Everett, Elmer, and Alvin (deceased), all born in the township. Mr. Baker is a Democrat, and a member of the Methodist Church. He has been a hard worker all his life, and is now living retired from active labors, enjoying the prosperity that is his. Although he has never sought public preferment, he has always taken an interest in township af-

fairs, and has been willing to bear his part in whatever promised to prove beneficial to the community.

BAKER, W. C.—The more thorough training of the schools and the more rigorous preparation demanded for business life have assisted in qualifying the young men of the present day for work that awaits them, and the enterprises controlled by them are not only those that handle the largest amount of trade but they are the ones that have the most influence upon the commercial activity of the community in which they are located. W. C. Baker, of the real-estate firm of Finley & Baker, of Robinson, Crawford County, Ill., is one of the progressive young business men of this part of the State, his long association with the several oil-producing concerns, with which he has been identified, having given him a very valuable experience and especially fitted him for his present undertaking, which although a young one, shows a healthy and remarkable increase. Mr. Baker was born in the village of Rynd Farm, Pa., February 4, 1882, a son of William and Sarah (Groser) Baker, and comes of good old Pennsylvania stock, on both sides of the house. William Baker is one of the leading contractors and oil-producers of Oil City, Pa.

Mr. Baker was given a good education and, after completing his school course, engaged as clerk in Oil City on August 15, 1900, for the Ohio Oil Company, and for the next seven years continued in the employ of this company, in the meantime having been stationed in four different States. Two years were spent in Findlay, Ohio; one year in Montpelier, Ind., and in 1906 he was sent to Marshall, Ill., to take charge of the producing department there. On June 1, 1907, he resigned to come to Robinson, Ill., to take charge of the Mahutska Oil Company's office under D. T. Finley. Mr. Finley and Mr. Baker formed a friendship which resulted in their both resigning March 1, 1908, to form a new real-estate firm under the name of the Finley & Baker Realty Company. Mr. Baker is also treasurer and a stockholder in the Mitchell Oil Company.

Mr. Baker was married in Muncie, Ind., on August 7, 1907, to Miss Emma Elliott, of Montpelier, Ind. In religious belief he is an Episcopalian.

BARLOW, Dr. Columbus, son of Jesse and Rebecca (Biggs) Barlow, was born near Eaton, Ill., April 27, 1847, and was the fourth in a direct line of physicians, his father and mother both practicing in an early day. His father at one time had a large herb garden, and his knowledge of herbs and their uses was marvelous and known far and near. In the remoter line, these doctors are of a family which has achieved things professionally, for there stand out among them such men as John Marshall, the great Chief Justice, and Joel Barlow, poet and statesman.

Columbus was the youngest of fourteen children. When seven years old he was afflicted with white swelling, which left him a cripple for life. During this illness his father died, leaving the request that the boy should have the benefit of a medical education. As a child he was delicate and was favored by every one. All through life the fact that he was a cripple was a drawback, but it seemed to strengthen his determination to accomplish great mental things. When able he attended the country school, continuing until he had completed its course. After his school days he worked in a wagon and carriage shop for six years to raise money for his professional education, reading several hours a day, and for the last two years, devoting eight hours a day to medical study (with Dr. Samuel J. Griffith directing his studies), and eight hours to manual labor. He was now twenty-four years old, and during that year married Miss Maria Athey, who died three years later, as did their two children. After three years alone he married Mrs. Sarah Smith Price, and it need not be said that a marriage was ever more felicitous.

Dr. Barlow attended two courses of lectures at the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery, but during this time was compelled to economize while in school, having not more than one suit of clothes at a time and often doing his own cooking. He graduated June 27, 1877, and on July 4th, following, entered upon the practice of medicine at Eaton. This was a small town and his practice was that of the country doctor. His office was small and poorly equipped, all of the furniture being made by his own hands. He made his chairs, bookcase and operating table. The latter had all the movements of the more modern tables. The first box of drugs he received was emptied and nailed up again, using it for a stool. It was in almost constant use during his practice at Eaton, which continued until 1895. The box is still in existence, and carved upon its sides are the names of men who studied under him, a dozen names, all a credit to the profession. At one time his office was called the Medical College, and all these students became workers in medical societies and members of some one or the other of the churches. All of his life he was helping boys to obtain an education, both by encouragement and by furnishing means. His practice at Eaton was a strenuous and laborious one. He treated men, women and children for miles around, going through all weathers and at all hours. Often he visited a patient when he was the sicker of the two. He treated rich and poor alike, and often left money instead of collecting it. Among his papers was found a slip with a number of Bible references written and, at the top, "Bible authority for helping the poor." He believed in this and lived up to it. He was not only the people's doctor, but he helped them and sympathized with them in every way, and was always using every effort to build up and better the little community in which he lived.

In 1881, Dr. Barlow took a postgraduate course at Rush Medical College, Chicago; did some post-

graduate work in 1893, and in 1894 took the general course at the Postgraduate Medical School, Chicago. In 1895 he moved with his family to Robinson. Here he formed a partnership with Dr. Firebaugh which lasted for eight years. Soon after removing there he was made an elder in the Christian Church, and was always useful and active in every good work.

Dr. Barlow took an active interest in medical societies and instilled that interest in all of his students. These societies came next to his God and his family in his affections. In an article on the importance of medical societies he says in part: "Through the influence of medical societies human existence has been prolonged, and the splendid homes all over the country maintained in their present sanitary condition; and, more than that, it cements the doctors together in one great fraternity, which is monumental to strength and efficiency when its forces are properly harmonized." From 1883 to 1906 he missed but four of the bimonthly meetings of the Crawford County Medical Society and during his residence at Eaton he had to drive nine miles to attend them.

Dr. Barlow was President of the Crawford County Medical Society in 1883, and its Secretary 1892-93; a member of the Æsculapian Society of the Wabash Valley, and held the office of President in the latter society; a member of the Illinois Medical Society and serving as a member of the Board of Councilors and of the American Medical Association; Vice-President of the National Tuberculosis Commission; was an auxiliary committeeman of the first Pan-American Medical Congress, and had been twice appointed United States Pension Examining Surgeon.

To medical literature he contributed many papers. His paper on "Personal Hygiene" was the most elaborate and written more in detail than any of the others. He also published a book entitled, "Day Dreams of a Doctor," which deserves more than a passing notice. It was reviewed by the press all over the country with much praise and he received many personal letters in regard to it from other authors and friends, among them Donald G. Mitchell, Dr. Matthews and one from Miss Marie C. Brehm.

Dr. Barlow had been ailing for several years before his death, and it was only by constant pleading on the part of his family that he was persuaded to leave his practice and take a trip to Colorado. He was always loyal to his profession, and his perseverance was remarkable. He attended meetings almost to the last and took part in them just as long as his strength would permit. He had an indomitable will, and it is to that will, perhaps, more than to anything else, that he owed his success. He was a deep thinker, a careful reasoner, and sound in his judgment, which with a pleasant disposition, made him a factor long to be remembered.

Through all of his sufferings he seldom grew discouraged and always talked about opening a new office. He took a course of treatment at Hot Springs a few weeks before his death, and not until that failed to help him did he begin to give up. He wanted to live for his family and his profession, but the thoughts of death were not even unpleasant to him. He had perfect faith and always said it was just a little change in his life—a little journey and then wait a while until he would see his friends again. All through his sickness, his stepson, Dr. Price, was a help and a comfort. The Doctor was confined to his bed only a little more than two weeks, during which time he seemed to suffer but little. He passed away October 8, 1907, entering into a sleep as peaceful and serene as his life had been.

The children born to Dr. and Mrs. Barlow were: Lulu, born May 13, 1879; Harry, born in February, 1881, and died in August, 1882; Brodie, born August 30, 1883; and Mary, born January 9, 1886.

BARNETT, Jesse L., stock-raiser and farmer on Section 34 of Martin Township, Crawford County, Ill., is one of the progressive, enterprising and public-spirited men of his locality, born in Union County, Ohio, October 13, 1860, a son of S. J. Barnett, also a native of the same county, where he was reared and became a successful farmer. The family came originally from New York State. S. J. Barnett married Jane Hardin, a native of Pennsylvania, and daughter of Esau Hardin, one of the early settlers of Martin Township, where he settled in 1864, and where he remained until his death. He bought 109 acres of land, 69 of which are comprised in the present homestead of Mr. Barnett. S. J. Barnett and his wife died in Ohio. They had four sons and one daughter, of whom Jesse L. Barnett was the eldest.

Having been reared a farmer, Jesse L. Barnett was attracted toward a broader field, and in February, 1888, came to Crawford County and bought his present home, bringing his family with him. The farm of 58 acres on Section 34 and 40 acres on Section 11 has been devoted to general farming and stock-raising, but since 1907 it has been still more valuable, as oil was then discovered and there are now eight wells, all producing, on the farm.

Mr. Barnett was married in Ohio in 1881 to Mary Turner, a native of Ohio, where she was reared, educated and married. Mr. and Mrs. Barnett have had the following children: Bessie, Harry, Nellie, Belle. Effie, Mabel, Ruth and Arthur—four born in Ohio, and four in the present home. Mr. Barnett has always voted the Republican ticket, and is justly regarded as a good farmer and a substantial, reliable citizen, representative of the best agricultural interests of Crawford County.

BEESON, Abner.—The agricultural interests of Crawford County have been steadily advancing until it occupies a very high place among the counties of our great Commonwealth. Abner Beeson, upon Section 23, Martin Township, is one of the old settlers of the county and a

progressive and successful farmer. He was born in Jasper County, Ill., June 21, 1854, a son of Igal Beeson, born in Kentucky, but after he had received a somewhat meager education there, he went to Ohio, and about a year later went on to Illinois, settling in Oblong Township, Crawford County, where his death occurred.

Abner Beeson was reared in Ohio and Missouri, but in 1866 settled in Crawford County and helped his father upon the farm, remaining in Oblong Township until the latter's death when he was seventeen. He then returned to Southern Missouri, where he worked at lead mining and prospecting, but two years later returned to Crawford County and rented a farm. On September 23, 1874, he married Hattie Wright, a daughter of Thomas Wright, who was a farmer of the county and a veteran of the Civil War. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Beeson settled on a farm which she had inherited from her father, but a year later located on his present farm. The first house on it was built of logs, and the land was covered with brush and timber, with the exception of some seven acres which had been cleared about the house. With a will and purpose, Mr. Beeson went to work and now has the land in a high state of cultivation, besides adding to it 40 acres more. The original house has been remodelled and is now very comfortable and homelike. Mr. and Mrs. Beeson have the following children: Jackson, Ida May, Clyde Walter, Luella, Everett W., Maggie S., Jessie Alva and Lucy Edith. Mr. Beeson is a member of the Republican party, and is interested in local affairs. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Church, and they make welcome their many friends at their home with a free-handed hospitality that is delightful.

BEESON, Edward.—Scientific agriculture has ceased to be a joke. It already has been worth many millions of dollars to the farmers of the United States, and it will be worth many hundreds of millions more. A few years ago most men laughed at the idea of applying science to agriculture. The farmer's laugh was the loudest of all, but science, like revolutions, never goes backward. There are still many farming communities where the farmers plant, reap, feed their cattle, and let their implements stand out in the rain and sun in the same careless, thriftless old way, but the agricultural department, agricultural colleges and the agricultural press are rapidly diminishing their number. Science is revolutionizing the farming business, as it has revolutionized almost every other modern industry.

Farming is the most desirable of occupations. In other lines the same routine is preserved the whole year through, but each season brings a change of work to the farmer. Then, too, he can always breathe the fresh air of heaven, enjoy the glorious sunlight and the wide landscape. He works when and how he pleases and calls no man master. The table of the farmer is the best supplied in the world. He gets the choicest vegetables and fruits at first hand, and with cream and butter from his cows and fresh eggs and poultry from his chicken yard, with smoke-houses filled with fragrant hams and bacon, and with a beef from his own drove now and then, he is entirely independent in the way of food.

Crawford County has some of the most progressive and scientific farmers in the country, and among them is Edward Beeson, of La Motte Township, who was born in Highland County, Ohio, September 29, 1870, a son of William and Nancy (Gregory) Beeson. The parents were natives, respectively, of Highland and Clinton Counties, Ohio. They had the following children: Edward; Willis, born in 1873, deceased; Laura, born in 1876, deceased; Mattie, born in 1881, married Odell Hatch, lives in Roscoe, 100 miles south of Kansas City, Mo., and they have one child, Samuel, about four years old; Raymond, born in October, 1884. In 1888 the father went west and nothing further was heard of him, the family mourning him as dead, believing that he met with a fatal accident. The mother died February 14, 1885.

Edward Beeson attended school in Clinton, Ohio, but in 1891 he left Clinton County, Ohio, and came to La Motte Township, Crawford County, Ill., where he was married, March 15, 1899, to Abbie J. Richey, born July 13, 1871, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. McClung, of the United Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Beeson is a daughter of John and Sarah (Fox) Richey, natives of Ireland and Crawford County, respectively. One child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Beeson—Harry Richey Beeson, born June 16, 1906.

The farm which Mr. and Mrs. Beeson own, comprising 300 acres of excellent land in the township, nearly all of it being cultivated, was given them by Mrs. Beeson's father, John Richey. The home is a pleasant one, well set back from the road. In politics Mr. Beeson is a Republican, but has never sought office, preferring to do his duty as a private citizen in casting his vote as his conscience dictates, and giving his attention to his personal affairs. For fifteen years he has been a member of the I. O. O. F., La Motte Lodge, No. 826, and is very active in lodge work. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, having joined it about twelve years ago. Since she was eighteen years old Mrs. Beeson has been a member of the United Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Beeson is an excellent farmer, a sound business man and a good citizen, who holds the confidence of his community.

BENNETT, Samuel L. (deceased).—On April 26, 1907, death claimed Samuel L. Bennett at six thirty P. M., at his home in Robinson, Ill., after a useful life of sixty years, filled with many charities and good deeds, and he left behind him a name of which his family may well be proud. He was a brave optimist, a lover of his fellow men, a worker who loves his work. His friends lost the comradeship of a noble soul.

D W Kirk and Wife

Mr. Bennett was born in Sullivan County, Ind., November 13, 1847, and was reared on a farm, attending the common schools of that locality. At the age of seventeen years he enlisted in the One Hundred and Forty-ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and served with bravery and honor until the close of the war. On his return home he took a two-years course in the U. C. College at Merom, Ind., and then taught school in his county and at Hutsonville, Ill. A fine teacher he had the ability to impart his knowledge to his pupils and was very popular with them. In 1872 he embarked in business at Robinson, first as a druggist and then as a clothing dealer. In 1875, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett moved to Hutsonville when, in partnership with his father-in-law, Mr. Bennett engaged in the hardware and walnut-lumber business until 1884, when in June of that year, they moved to Robinson, where Mrs. Bennett now resides in her beautiful home. For some years prior to his death Mr. Bennett lived in retirement from active business on account of injuries received in his youth while serving as a soldier. He was always regarded as a model citizen and faithfully discharged many duties. While able to attend to his personal affairs, he made money and thriftily invested it. His vote and his influence were directed against the liquor traffic. He served as Alderman in the ward in which he resided, and was appointed Postmaster under the McKinley administration, which office he held for four years.

For a year prior to his demise, he had been in very poor health, and was confined to his bed for five months. Finally, as a last resource he was taken by his wife to Mineral Wells, Texas, and for a short period he seemed to be improving, when a change came for the worse, and his brother-in-law, Henry Draper of Paris, Ill., having joined Mrs. Bennett, he was tenderly brought home to die a week later. His funeral was one of the largest in Robinson for many years. Many of his old comrades in arms were present, and the services were conducted by Rev. Van Tresse, pastor of the Methodist Church, of which he had been an attendant for many years. The officiating minister was assisted by Rev. Dr. Craven of the Presbyterian Church, and the remains were taken to Hutsonville for interment, the ceremonies at the grave being under the auspices of the Masonic Lodge of Robinson, of which Mr. Bennett had been a member.

On May 6, 1873, Mr. Bennett married Miss Mattie Draper, daughter of W. L. and Elizabeth (Foster) Draper, of Hutsonville. Mrs. Draper, who afterwards became the wife of R. B. Higgins, is still living in Hutsonville, aged eighty-nine. Mrs. Bennett was born in Hutsonville, May 23, 1856. When nine years old her parents moved to Terre Haute, Ind., where she attended school for three years, when the family returned to Hutsonville. Mrs. Bennett has been a member of the Methodist Church for many years. She is now a member of the Twentieth Century Club of Robinson. Mrs. Bennett has a sister, Mrs. Beatrice Lane, of Hutsonville, and a brother, H. L. Draper, of Paris. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett had no children of their own, but they adopted Mrs. Bennett's niece, Gypsie L. Draper, upon her mother's death, and carefully educated her. She first attended Robinson High School, and later the De Pauw University, at Greencastle, Ind. Besides his wife and their adopted child, Mr. Bennett was survived by four brothers and one sister of the eleven children born to his parents, namely: Richard M., of Kansas; Thomas A., of New Lebanon, Ind.; James D., of Arizona; G. W., of Coffeyville, Kan., and Mrs. A. B. Mason, of Carlisle, Ind.

Mr. Bennett was a man who learned from direct contact with the sources the essential things that help to make real life. He gave endorsement and aid to many; his charities were many and oftentimes hidden from the world. His character was one to remember with affection, and his loved ones may well honor and revere the memory of one who, in the midst of severe bodily suffering, never forgot his debt to humanity, or ceased in his endeavor to make life better for all with whom he came in contact.

BLACK, John.—The farmers of Crawford County have long been noted for their industry, thrift and progressive spirit, and the wonderful development of this part of the State is largely due to their efforts. Among those who have attained success in agricultural matters is John Black, one of the prosperous farmers of Hutsonville Township, where he owns a fine farm of 80 acres, upon which he settled in 1885, and which he has since developed to its present well-cultivated condition. Mr. Black was born in Lane County, Ky., five miles from London, October 12, 1843, a son of William and Jane E. (Metcalf) Black. The father was born in Kentucky, March 16, 1794, and died June 1, 1860, in Rock Castle County, Ky., while his wife, born in Jackson County, Ky., May 2, 1802, died February 14, 1889. Her father, James Metcalf, was born in Virginia, but was brought to Kentucky when he was a boy, his father being one of the pioneers of that State.

John Black attended school in Kentucky during the winter and worked on the farm in the summer, and has always been a farmer. For thirty-five years he has been a faithful member of the Christian Church, and in political faith is a Prohibitionist, and is much interested in wiping out the liquor traffic. February 22, 1879, Mr. Black married, in Rock Castle County, Ky., Dicy Davis, who was born in that county January 9, 1859, a daughter of Hiram and Naomi (Gadd) Davis. They were both natives of Tennessee, and Mrs. Davis is still living. Mrs. Black died March 20, 1907, having borne the following children: Celestia, born September 15, 1880, in Rock Castle County, Ky., married October 10, 1905, William Lee Pleasant, whose father is proprietor of the hotel at Hutsonville, known as the Pleasant Hotel, of which Abe Pleasant is proprietor; Addie, born March 5, 1884, in Rock Castle County, Ky., married Edwin Goodwin, of Crawford

County, January 22, 1905, and died on her husband's farm, April 16, 1907. The Black family is one well known in this locality, and Mr. Black enjoys to the fullest extent the confidence and respect of his neighbors.

BOTTENFIELD, Currey J.—Successfully carrying on farming and stock-raising, proving his business ability and taking an interest in local affairs, Currey J. Bottenfield is a typical farmer of Crawford County, Ill., conveniently and pleasantly located on his fine farm on Section 23, Oblong Township. He was born in Marion County, Ohio, February 20, 1849, a son of Meeker B. Bottenfield, a farmer who was born in Pennsylvania, but, when sixteen years old had settled in Ohio, going there with his parents. There he was married to Bethiah Hubble, born in New York State, where she was reared. They became the parents of eight children, four sons and four daughters, of whom the subject of this sketch was the sixth child and third son.

After being reared and educated in Ohio, Currey J. Bottenfield left home at twenty-seven years of age, and came to Crawford County, Ill., locating in Oblong Township, buying land there in 1871. He started to farm 90 acres. His marriage occurred on November 23, 1876, to Mary Dennis, daughter of Michael Dennis. She was born in Perry County, Ohio, and at two years of age was brought by her parents to Crawford County, Ill., and was reared and educated in Oblong Township. Two children were born of this marriage: Minnie May and Margaret E. In the fall of 1879, Mrs. Bottenfield died. In 1887 Mr. Bottenfield married Hannah Hodges, born in Delaware County, Ohio, a daughter of Israel Hodges, and reared and educated in her native State. Mr. and Mrs. Bottenfield have had five children: Glenn Wiley, Bertha Lucile, Cecil, Paul Murrel and Blanche Clyminia—all born in Oblong Township, and all educated in the neighborhood schools.

In 1880 Mr. Bottenfield left Illinois and learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for ten years in Ohio. In 1890 he returned to Crawford County, and has farmed in Oblong Township ever since, located on his present farm of 150 acres, all of which he cleared and improved, including the erection of buildings. He did all the carpenter work himself, and is justly proud of his excellent results. Mr. Bottenfield chopped down the trees, hauled the logs to the mill, and then hauled the finished lumber to his farm, thus furnishing his own lumber. On this fine farm he carries on general farming and stock-raising. During all his mature life Mr. Bottenfield has been a Democrat, and is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Oblong. For many years he has been a consistent member of the Union Baptist Church, has served as Sunday School Superintendent for ten years and has always taken a deep interest in church affairs.

BOYLL, James Archibald.—Probably the landmark most frequently referred to in the vicinity of Hutsonville, for miles about, is the large brick mill operated by James Archibald Boyll, whose "Purity" brand of flour is very popular, not only in Crawford County but throughout the State, both on account of its excellence and the business methods adopted by its manufacturers. Mr. Boyll was born at Pimento, Vigo County, Ind., January 7, 1869, a son of Felix Stanford and Margaret (Barbee) Boyll. The father was also a native of Vigo County, as was the mother, who was born April 14, 1844. In 1880 the family moved from Pimento, Ind., to Annapolis, Crawford County, Ill. The father of Mrs. Boyll, John Barbee, with his wife Margaret (Thurman) Barbee, moved to Kentucky from their birthplace, Virginia.

James Archibald Boyll was educated in the common schools of Vigo County and at Annapolis, and learned to work on a farm at his father's mill, continuing thus until he was twelve years old. Upon his father's death, April 28, 1904, Mr. Boyll took charge of the Hutsonville Roller Mill, which had been erected in 1903, and has since improved and enlarged it. The plant occupies one and one-fourth acres, and its capacity is 50 barrels of flour daily. In addition, both corn and other varieties of feed are ground, and the volume of business shows a steady and healthy increase. Mr. Boyll also owns the old mill at Annapolis, which he is operating, the plant covering two acres.

On September 28, 1894, Mr. Boyll married at Sullivan, Crawford County, Miss Lucy Shire, a daughter of David and Iva Ann (Bowman) Shire. Mrs. Boyll was born at Annapolis, Ill., October 21, 1874, and her father came from Pennsylvania at an early age to Darke County, Ohio. He is now seventy-eight years old, and has belonged to the United Brethren Church sixty-eight years. He now makes his home in Hutsonville. In politics Mr. Boyll is a Democrat, but his many business affairs make him too busy to accept of public office. He is recognized as one of the representative factors in the commercial life of Crawford County and a man whose prosperity is well merited.

BRADBURY, P. G., attorney-at-law. In his knowledge of law, Mr. Bradbury covers a wide range of topics, and he is looked upon as an authority upon whatever subject he is willing to express an opinion. He has been counsel in some of the most important litigation which has come before the courts of Crawford County and the State of Illinois, and his ideals of the legal profession are high and he lives up to them. He was born October 6, 1847, a son of John S. and Jemima (Buckner) Bradbury. The father was born in North Carolina, August 17, 1822, while the mother was born in 1828 in Crawford County, Ill.

John S. Bradbury was brought from North Carolina where the family had resided near Raleigh, in 1828, when he was six years old, by his pa-

rents, John and Mary (Hines) Bradbury. The little family walked the entire distance, their scanty house-hold possessions being in a small cart, and the journey consumed a long time. They settled in Hutsonville Township, a short distance from West York, but within a year the health of the father, which had been failing, gave out and he died, leaving his widow and six children on a small rented farm. The mother kept her little brood together and always exerted a wonderful influence for good over them up to her death, which occurred in 1847.

When but a lad, John S. Bradbury commenced working for various farmers, and when sixteen he obtained a position as stage-driver on the line running from Vincennes, Ind., to Danville, Ill., and continued in this employment for five or six years, when he married and commenced farming in Hutsonville Township on a small tract of land his wife had inherited from her parents, and this is now a portion of the home place on which he has resided for about sixty years. Although his holdings were at one time much larger than now, he still owns 200 acres of fine farm land. His first wife died at twenty-six years of age, leaving the following children: Catherine, now Mrs. Harper Reynolds, of Hutsonville; P. G.; and James L., a merchant of Fairbank, Ind. The first Mrs. Bradbury was a daughter of Henry and Martha (Evans) Buckner, who came from North Carolina to Crawford County, Ill., about 1818 and settled in Hutsonville Township, where they continued to reside until the time of their death. After the death of his first wife, John S. Bradbury married Nancy Huckaba, a daughter of Lewis and Peggie (Evans) Huckaba, also early settlers of Illinois who located in the neighborhood of York. By his second marriage John S. Bradbury had eight children: Andrew L., of Jasper County, Ill.; John S., of Robinson Township; Aurora lives with his father; George S., who is a merchant of West York; Willis H., clerk in a store at Hutsonville; Alice, who lives in Oklahoma; Albert, who has been an invalid since boyhood, and Nancy, of Chicago, manager of a wholesale business. John S. Bradbury was the youngest child in his father's family, which consisted of the following named children: Anna, married Cornelius Martin; Peter; Martha, married Bryant Cox; James, married Charlotte McCrory; Moreland, married Jessie Draper, and John S., all now deceased except the last named.

After receiving a good common school education, P. G. Bradbury taught in Crawford County for seven years, ten months each year, and his ability was so generally recognized that at the youthful age of twenty-six he was honored by election to the office of County Superintendent, and during his term of office was further honored by election to the position of State's Attorney, which he filled with credit for eight years. Mr. Bradbury first read law with Judge Franklin Robb, and was admitted to the bar July 4, 1876, and then formed a partnership with his preceptor under the name of Robb & Bradbury, which association continued until the demise of Judge Robb in 1890, after which he practiced alone for a year. About 1891 the firm of Bradbury & Lewis was formed, with F. W. Lewis, but when Mr. Lewis was elected State's Attorney, in 1892, the partnership was dissolved. His next association was with Joseph A. McHatton, and this continued until 1908, when it, too, was dissolved by mutual consent. In addition to other political honors which the Democrats of his locality have given him, Mr. Bradbury has been President of the School Board for three years, and served for four years as Master in Chancery, although he has never sought office.

On December 31, 1879, Mr. Bradbury was married to Miss Jennie Kelly, of Sullivan County, Ind., a daughter of James and Malinda (Johnson) Kelly, the father being an extensive farmer and stock-raiser of Sullivan County, Ind. He was born in Inchaleen, County Derry, Ireland, and was a linen weaver by trade. He came to the United States in 1828, locating in Baltimore, but after two or three years he moved to Sullivan County, Ind., and embarked in farming and stock-raising, at one time owning 1,500 acres. Mr. and Mrs. Bradbury have had children as follows: John, born August 20, 1885, was for one year a naval cadet at Annapolis, but at the earnest solicitation of his father he resigned and attended the University of Virginia for two years, when his health broke down and his death occurred January 23, 1908, at the age of twenty-two years—his death proving a great blow to his family and associates; Francis C., born December 6, 1887, graduated with honors from St. Mary of the Woods College, Terre Haute, Ind., in June, 1907; Palmer G., born January 15, 1892, is now in his second year at high school in Robinson; William E., born September 8, 1893, is in the same year at school; James Stanley, born November 11, 1899, is in the fourth grade of the common school. The children are all very bright and give promise of developing into brilliant men.

The family reside on a very valuable fruit farm just outside of Robinson, where they have a beautiful home. Mr. Bradbury is a large realty holder, and has some exceedingly valuable farm property in Crawford, Clark and Lawrence Counties, and also some in Missouri. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he has been an elder for sixteen years. His paternal grandparents were Quakers, and his maternal grandparents Methodists, in religious faith. Fraternally, he is a Mason, having been a member of that order for thirty-four years, is also a member of the Knights of Pythias and is popular in both orders. For many years he has been a leader in all movements looking toward the improvement and advancement of legal procedure in the State and county, and is generally recognized as one of the most capable attorneys of the Crawford County bar and of Eastern Illinois.

BREHM, Elias.—The successful prosecution of farming, even in the well-favored Crawford County, Ill., requires intelligence, foresight and thorough knowledge of all the details of the work.

The farmer today has to know many things hidden from his father, and many of the men now owning large tracts of land can well remember when farming was held to be something anyone could do. Elias Brehm, a very prosperous farmer and stock-raiser of Martin Township, Crawford County, has been a resident of the township since 1871. He was born in Prairie County, Ohio, March 3, 1839, a son of Henry Brehm. He was a farmer and sawmill operator in Prairie County, Ohio, and owned a sawmill operated by water power. The father of Henry Brehm was George Brehm, who was born in Pennsylvania and came to Ohio with his family at an early date, and settled in Perry County, where he entered land from the Government, owning about 400 acres at one time.

Henry Brehm was educated in Perry County, and there grew to manhood. He married Elizabeth Saunders, also born and reared in Perry County, Ohio. They became the parents of children as follows: George, Samuel, Mary, Moses, Elias, Joseph, Alfred and Abraham.

Elias Brehm was educated in the subscription schools of his native county, and walked three miles to attend school. During his school life he worked hard on the farm, and made himself useful. When he was eighteen he lost his father, and the farm was sold, so that the estate could be divided among the children. Mr. Brehm received as his share $400. Having married Mary Ann Rinehart, daughter of Jesse Rinehart, a farmer of Ohio, on February 12, 1871, he came to Crawford County, and bought 80 acres in Martin Township. Thirty acres of this were cleared, but he cleared off the remainder, and bought 20 acres more, adjoining, all in timber. His farm is one of the best in Crawford County, and is well supplied with every comfort. Mrs. Brehm died September 23, 1900. His brother's daughter has kept house for him for the past eight years. Mr. Brehm belongs to the Baptist Church. He is a Republican, and cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln. Mr. and Mrs. Brehm had one child, which died in infancy.

BRISTOW, Napoleon B., M. D. (deceased).—In enumerating the distinguished and able professional men of Crawford County, Ill., too much prominence cannot be given to the late Dr. Napoleon B. Bristow, physician and surgeon, who for many years was a well-known and beloved practitioner at Flat Rock, Ill. Dr. Bristow was born in Parke County, Ind., near Hollandsburg, March 23, 1852, a son of Dr. James C. Bristow, deceased, who was a native of Shelby County, Ky., and there married Elizabeth Williamson, also a native of Kentucky. After marriage, the elder Dr. Bristow moved to Parke County, Ind., and farmed for some years, but later moved to Iowa and established a mercantile business. From there he went to Kansas City and from that city came to Crawford County and commenced practicing medicine in the vicinity of Crawfordsville, where he continued in active practice until 1884, when he removed to Wayne County, Ill., and there continued in practice until his death, which occurred July 16, 1906. Dr. Napoleon B. Bristow was the fourth child in a family of nine children born to his parents, two of whom were born in Crawford County on a farm in Honey Creek Township.

Dr. Napoleon B. Bristow attended the district schools of Honey Creek Township, the select school at Robinson, and the University of Louisville, Ky., being graduated from the medical department of the latter, March 1, 1875. For one year he was in partnership with his father, but in the spring of 1876 established himself at Flat Rock and continued there in active practice until his death, which occurred October 12, 1896. He had a very large practice throughout Flat Rock and vicinity, and was recognized as a very able physician and surgeon.

On October 25, 1876, he married Aurelia Rundle, who was born in Honey Creek Township, the daughter of Anson M. Rundle, a native of Sullivan County, Ind., born August 29, 1823. Mr. Rundle was reared in that State, but about 1847, when a young man, he came to Crawford County. By trade, he was a tanner, and worked with David Logan at Palestine for a while, but later bought the Norton tanyard and entered and bought some land adjoining it. About 1855 he quit the tanning business, sold his land and bought a farm of James Weger, on which a part of the town of Flat Rock is now located, and the present home of his daughter, Mrs. Bristow. On January 10, 1849, he married Elizabeth Jones, born in Butler County, Ohio, June 28, 1827. She moved with her parents to Lawrence County, Ill., when five years of age. Her father, Lewis Jones, was a pioneer of Lawrence County, where he remained only a few years, and then came to Honey Creek Township, Crawford County, and resided until his death in August, 1874. His wife, Mary (Brown) Jones, died October 8, 1896. Mrs. Bristow is the second in the family of seven children born to her parents, two sons and five daughters, three of whom are deceased, and all born in Honey Creek Township. Anson M. Rundle died September 6, 1881; Elizabeth Rundle, his wife, died April 13, 1900. After marriage, Dr. and Mrs. Bristow built a dwelling and lived in Flat Rock for fourteen years, after which in 1890, they bought the Rundle homestead, and erected the residence in which Mrs. Bristow now lives, and in which Dr. Bristow's death occurred. Dr. N. B. Bristow was engaged in the practice of medicine for more than twenty-one years. In politics he was a Republican, and fraternally he was a member of the I. O. O. F. Dr. and Mrs. Bristow had three children: Claudius L., of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Roscoe, D. D. S., practicing at Taylor, Tex.; and Miss Nellie, at home.

BROWN, Capt. Achilles Morris.—In the struggle in which man pitted himself against primeval forest and aboriginal inhabitants, the strongest types of manhood and womanhod were evolved, and traits of character developed that otherwise

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might never have been seen. Illinois is a State that has a pioneer history that thrills and excites, and none of those who there once bore that title of pioneer can fail to be interested in whatever pertains to the early history of the State. Achilles Morris Brown is one of those who have made Illinois his home since 1857, having been born in Henry County, near Louisville, Ind., forty-five miles east of Indianapolis, December 26, 1828, a son of William and Sarah (Martindale) Brown. William Brown was born in Virginia, and his wife in South Carolina, and they were among the early settlers of Indiana, moving to Wayne County at a very early day, and doing their part in developing their new home.

Educated in the subscription schools of his native place, Mr. Brown worked on the farm in Indiana, but the same spirit that moved his father and mother to start anew in Indiana prompted him to take up his new home farther west, and in 1857 he made his way to Crawford County, locating land in Oblong Township, there being then only seven families in Oblong village. On December 27, 1854, he married in Rush County, Ind., Miss Anna Gilmore, formerly of Ireland. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Brown are as follows: William Seward (named for the statesman of that name), born August 28. 1855, married and resides on a farm two and a half miles from Oblong; Mrs. Mary E. McKnight, born August 8, 1860, and is a widow with three sons and one daughter; James G., born August 27, 1868, is married and has a boy and girl and is living on the home place one and a half miles north of Oblong.

Like others in his neighborhood, when he felt the call of duty to be strong for further existence, Mr. Brown enlisted in Company D, Ninety-eighth Illinois Mounted Infantry, becoming a member of Wilder's Lightning Brigade, August 14, 1862; was mustered in as Orderly Sergeant, and on February 4, 1863, was promoted to Second Lieutenant and participated in all the battles of the Army of the Cumberland, until he resigned in April, 1864, and returned home. Among the engagements in which he took part were Hoover's Gap, Chickamauga, Farmington, besides many minor skirmishes. He is a member of the G. A. R., Albert Wood Post, of Oblong, and is a Mason of long standing.

In politics Mr. Brown is a Republican, although he has never been an office-seeker. He owns two valuable farms in addition to his home property, the whole consisting of 270 acres, of which 200 acres have been cleared. When oil was discovered it added very greatly to the value of his property. In the rest and security of their declining years, Mr. and Mrs. Brown can look back with pleasure to the times when they did so much for the general welfare of their neighborhood, and take comfort in the fact that all they now enjoy has been won by them through hard labor and economic thrift.

BROWN, David William.—The pioneers of any community should ever be honored, for to them is due much of the prosperity of civilization. The Brown family is well and favorably known throughout Crawford County, where settled the father of David William Brown, the latter a prominent farmer and stock-raiser of Martin Township, residing on Section 24, but born in Miami County, Ind., April 10, 1852. His father, Charles M. Brown, now deceased, was also born in Indiana, and there reared, educated and married. His wife was Sarah Graham, born in Ohio, but reared in Indiana. In 1856 Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Brown emigrated to Crawford County, Ill., locating in Martin Township, where he bought a farm of 80 acres of prairie land. He worked hard on it, clearing it off and placing it under cultivation, lived there until his death. The land has always been devoted to general farming and stock-raising. Mr. Brown was a public-spirited man and erected the first schoolhouse in the district. For years he and two others supplied the wood for the fire, and helped in many ways to provide a school home for their children. In politics he was a Republican, and always took an active part in local affairs. Although he accomplished much, he died when only forty. He and his wife had eight children, seven sons and one daughter, three of them being born in Martin Township.

David William Brown attended the school held in the house his father built, and he and his brothers helped their mother to take care of things after the father's death. On December 2, 1875, Mr. Brown married Margaret Wright (now deceased), born in Howard County, Ind., but reared in Martin Township, a daughter of Thomas Wright and Mariah C. (Lontz) Wright, who were among the early settlers of the Township. Upon coming to the township Mr. and Mrs. Wright entered 120 acres, which they cleared and cultivated. Mr. Wright was a soldier of the Civil War. Mr. and Mrs. Brown were the parents of three children: Sarah Maria, who married S. R. Mitchell, a carpenter and farmer; Victor I., present superintendent of the Casey schools, first engaged in teaching in the district schools of Martin Township, was later Principal of the Oblong schools for a season, after which he taught in the district schools of Oblong and Licking Townships for one season and then received his present appointment; and one child who died in infancy. Mrs. Brown died February 6, 1899. On November 1, 1903 Mr. Brown married Janie Johnson, born in Oblong Township, the daughter of Madison and Jane (Campbell) Johnson, and reared and educated in her native township. She is the youngest in a family of five daughters and one son, is an intelligent and public spirited woman and actively engaged in church and Sunday school work.

Mr. Brown bought 80 acres of land and has cultivated his farm, made all the improvements on it and set out many valuable trees. The home is a very pleasant one to which all the family friends are made welcome. He is a Republican in politics and, while not an office-seeker, takes an active interest in local affairs. Fraternally he

is associated with the Masonic order. Like his wife, he is an active worker in the Methodist church, in which he has filled many offices, as well as in the Sunday school.

BROWN, James Gilmore, has lived on the Brown homestead all his life, having been born there August 27, 1868. It is most conveniently and pleasantly located on Section 25, Oblong Township, Crawford County. Growing up in the township, he was here educated, devoting himself to farming and stock-raising, his property being one of the most valuable in his community. On December 28, 1898, Mr. Brown married Harriett Tilroe, a daughter of William and Mary A. (Dunning) Tilroe, her father being a minister of the Methodist church. Mrs. Brown was born at Reynolds, Johnson County, Ill. Her father was born in Holland, and her mother in Michigan, and they now reside within two blocks of the Methodist church at Robinson. Mrs. Brown was one of the following family: William Edward, Harriett, Addie, Sarah, Hugh M. and George Staley. Two children died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown have had the following family: Bernice Brown, died in infancy; William Fesler, born July 26, 1901; Frances Elizabeth, born February 5, 1905. Fraternally, Mr. Brown is a Mason and member of the Sons of Veterans. He is a liberal supporter of church work, and an industrious, thrifty and enterprising man who commands the highest respect of his neighbors and friends.

BRUBAKER, Charles Clifford, junior member of the well-known lumber firm of Brubaker & Son, is a young man whose business success has come as a result of intelligent effort, honorably directed along legitimate lines. Robinson is the home of many large business concerns, but the individual members of none stand higher than do Elisha Brubaker and his son, Charles Clifford, who is his partner. The latter was born on a farm in Marshall County, Kan., June 20, 1869, a son of Elisha and Mary M. (Batey) Brubaker. After graduating from the Robinson High School, Charles C. Brubaker worked in a general utility capacity for Judge W. C. Jones for about a year, when he devoted four years to learning the carpenter's trade. In the spring of 1891 the present firm of Brubaker & Son was formed for the purpose of carrying on a general contracting and building business, and the firm carry a full line of building materials, including lumber, shingles, lath, sash, doors, lime, cement, plaster, etc., having on hand at all times a full line of these materials which are unsurpassed as to quality and favorable prices. The firm has two yards: one on Webster Street, called the Suburban, and the other on Franklin Street, which is the City Yard, where they have a large building of brick, 130 x 30 x 60 feet, which houses a big stock. The office is on the north, a commodious building, 20 x 30 feet. The firm has lost one of its members in the person of William A. Brubaker, who was a very gifted draughtsman and had charge of all the work of that kind done by the firm, his death occurring May 14, 1896.

On July 20, 1892, Charles C. Brubaker married Miss Belle G. Titus, daughter of George W. and Mary Titus of Merom, Ind. She was born in September, 1871. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Brubaker: George A., born May 18, 1893, and Mary Nancy, born September 8, 1900. In politics Mr. Brubaker is a Republican, and, although not an office-seeker, has represented his Ward in the City Council, serving as Alderman very acceptably. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Red Men, the Modern Woodmen and Chamber of Commerce. He has been an active member of the Methodist Church for twenty-seven years, and is a man of whom nothing but good can be said, as he has conducted his business upon the same high standard of living as he has his private affairs. Mr. Brubaker last year built him one of the finest and up-to-date residences in the city, at 209 South Franklin Street.

BRUBAKER, David C.—Very prominent as a Democrat and thoroughly identified with his party in local affairs, David C. Brubaker has been called upon more than once to represent it in public office. His election following, he has faithfully discharged the duties imposed upon him, proving his fitness for the office and his general ability as a man. Mr. Brubaker was born August 23, 1856, in Darke County, Ohio, and is a son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Miller) Brubaker. Daniel Brubaker was born in Pennsylvania, December 28, 1828, and Mrs. Brubaker was born in Ohio, April 28, 1829. By occupation Daniel Brubaker was a farmer, and in 1869 he emigrated to Crawford County, Ill., where David C. Brubaker was reared to manhood.

Working alternately on his fathers' farm, and attending the common schools of Licking Township, David C. Brubaker gained his education, and after leaving school took a position in a country store at Annapolis as clerk. He held this until 1875, when he engaged in carpenter work. He owns a farm in Martin Township on which he lived from 1879 until 1907. In 1907 he came to Oblong where he now resides. Mr. Brubaker has been Town Clerk and Assessor of Martin Township, being elected to those offices on the Democratic ticket. In March, 1901, he became a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. His religious affiliations are with the United Brethren church, of which he is a member.

Mr. Brubaker was married in Crawford County, Ill., in 1879 to Mary E. Higgins, born in Martin Township, in 1856. Mr. and Mrs. Brubaker have had children as follows: James E., born in 1881; Mattie J., born in 1883; Elizabeth, born in 1886; Jesse W., born in 1890; Clinton S., born in 1893, and Ruth, born in 1896. These children were all born in Martin Township, Crawford County, and given good educations. They are bright, intelligent young people,

and their parents have every reason to be proud of them.

March 14, 1908, Mr. Brubaker purchased the furniture stock of E. T. Shire, at Oblong, and his since conducted that business, dealing in general furniture, musical instruments, trunks and suit cases. His store is located on North Range Street.

BRUBAKER, Elisha.—The man who can establish and maintain a large enterprise, conducting it upon broad-gauged principles of unflinching honesty and with due regard to the welfare of his customers, is not only a successful business man but a public benefactor as well. The success of his undertaking raises the commercial standing of his locality; the activity of his concern gives employment to many, while the stimulant of his prosperity is very healthful in its effect upon the community at large. Elisha Brubaker, of Robinson, Crawford County, Ill., senior member of the firm of Brubaker & Son, contractors and builders, and dealers in lumber, builders' supplies and coal, is a notable example of what one man can accomplish, provided he possesses the faculty to make much out of little and never fall back in his upward struggle.

Mr. Brubaker was born in Lawrence County, Ohio, in 1842, but in 1856 was brought to Clark County, Ill., where he engaged in farming, young as he was. The outbreak of the war disarranged his plans, for he could not resist the call to duty, and he enlisted in August, 1862, at Terre Haute, Ind., in Company E, Eighty-fifth Regiment Indiana Infantry, serving until June, 1865, when he was honorably discharged. He saw much hard service and participated in many of the notable battles of the war, being with Sherman on his historical March to the Sea.

Returning home he resumed his farming operations in Vigo County, Ind., but in 1869, deciding that Kansas offered more favorable opportunities, moved to that State, there living on a farm for six years. In 1875, however, he returned to Illinois, and located in Robinson, where he began work as a carpenter and builder, four years later forming a partnership with John A. Wiseman, which continued a few years, when in 1890 he admitted his two sons to the firm, and the style became Brubaker & Sons. The new firm established the present lumber business, and later enlarged their field of operations so that they now carry a full line of lumber, builders' supplies including paints, oils, varnishes, brushes, lathes, lime, hair, cement, plaster and hardware, and a full line of coal. They carry a stock worth $25,000 to $30,000, and it embraces all kinds and grades of goods in their line. Their yards are located near the New Methodist church, where they have a branch yard located on the Illinois Central Railway. The warehouse is 56x120 feet, two-stories in height, with metal front, with additional storage capacity for sash and doors. The office is in front of the warehouse, and is 23x30 feet. It is well supplied with every modern convenience, no pains having been spared in its equipment. In 1896, William A. Brubaker, the junior member of the firm, died, and the style was changed to the present one of Brubaker & Son, under which business is transacted and a very enviable reputation has been built up. In addition to his other interests Mr. Brubaker owns a small farm northeast of Robinson and a brick building on the southwest corner of the square where his lumber yard is located. He also owns his handsome home at No. 607 Pine Street.

In 1866 Mr. Brubaker married Miss Mary M. Battery, of Meigs County, Ohio, who died in 1886, leaving him with four children. In 1893 he married as his second wife Miss Hannah Carter of Robinson. Mr. Brubaker is a member of the G. A. R. Post and takes a lively interest in its work and in the various encampments, which he always attends. Religiously, he is a member of the Methodist church and contributes liberally towards its support. Public-spirited, enterprising, a man who can be depended upon to do the right thing at the right time, Mr. Brubaker is most justly enrolled among the business men at Crawford County who have won success in their lives.

BUCHANAN, George L. (deceased).—The records of Crawford County show the results attained by men, now passed away, but whose untiring efforts conscientiously directed along progressive lines, did much towards the advancement of their locality. These men lived fearlessly and nobly, doing all they could to make better and purer the world, and after their demise, they were mourned by those who knew and appreciated them. It is such men as these who really constitute the backbone of any nation. While able men are needed upon legislative floors and lead armies in time of war, those who really attain to true greatness are those who faithfully do whatever lies nearest at hand, and who set forth in their lives the faith which is theirs.

The late George L. Buchanan, of Robinson Township, who died May 31, 1908, was a man of this caliber, and it will be a long time before he is forgotten by those who best knew him and profited by his kindly nature and generous impulses. Mr. Buchanan was born in Jackson County, Ohio, August 19, 1867. He was a son of James L. and Amanda E. (Smith) Buchanan, and in 1868 his parents came by boat down the Ohio River to the Wabash, and up that stream to Palestine Landing, locating first in La Motte Township. However, after a short time they came to Robinson Township, where they made their permanent home. James L. Buchanan was a soldier in the Civil War serving under General Sherman, was on the famous March to the Sea and died in 1899. His widow survives and makes her home with Mrs. George L. Buchanan. Mr. Buchanan was the elder of the two children born to his parents, his brother, Ralph Ernest, dying when about two and a half years old.

On August 18, 1890, Mr. Buchanan was married at the residence of the bride's father, near Duncanville, Crawford County, to Mollie E. Dunlap, a daughter of John P. and Margaret J. (Scott) Dunlap. Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan had children as follows: Helen, born March 25, 1893; Oliver, born December 28, 1896; Cecile, born February 13, 1900; Margaret Emma, born December 30, 1901, and John James, born October 31, 1905.

Mr. Buchanan was a member of the United Presbyterian Church for over twenty years, and served as Elder in the Duncanville Church for about ten years. In 1902 he was a delegate to the General Assembly of his church, representing the Presbytery of Princeton, which was held at Greenville, Pa. In politics he was independent, preferring to cast his vote for the man he deemed best suited for the office. He never would consent to be a candidate, and was in no sense a politician, his private affairs occupying his time and interest.

Mrs. Buchanan was born in Greenville, Mercer County, Pa., November 20, 1868. Her father, John P. Dunlap was born in Trumbull County, Ohio, March 3, 1833, and her mother Margaret J. (Scott) Dunlap was born on a farm near West Middlesex, Pa., in September, 1832. The grandfather on the Dunlap side of the family, Alexander Dunlap, and his wife, Eliza (Burgess) Dunlap, were both reared in Ohio, and settling on a farm, there lived and died. The grandfather, James Scott, was born in Massachusetts, and became a manufacturer. His wife bore the maiden name of Martha Simison, and she was born in Trumbull County, Ohio.

In 1879 Mr. and Mrs. John P. Dunlap came from Mercer County, Pa., to Robinson Township, Crawford County, where Mr. Dunlap had purchased 120 acres of land. Later he added to this until he owned 160 acres. He died September 9, 1897. His widow lives with her daughter, Mrs. Buchanan.

Mrs. Buchanan was educated in the district schools of Crawford County, and later attended the Robinson High School and, after obtaining her certificate, taught in the country schools of Crawford County for three years. Her girlhood was spent on her father's farm and she early learned the details of farm work. After marriage Mr. Buchanan engaged in a mercantile business at Duncanville, but later became a farmer upon the excellent 155-acre farm owned by his father. This property has a comfortable modern residence and ample outbuildings upon it, and is in every way a thoroughly up-to-date farm in all its appointments. For the past twenty years Mrs. Buchanan has been a member of the United Presbyterian Church of Duncanville, and it was the pastor of this church, the Rev. W. H. Hemphill, who held the funeral services of the late Mr. Buchanan, at the church. A large number of friends attended these services, and many were moved to tears at the touching address delivered by the pastor, extolling the virtues of one who had been so prominent in church work for so many years.

BURNER, Henry.—Crawford County, with its many interests and rich lands that are yielding up fortunes to its owners, is almost a garden spot of the world. Among the men who have made it their home for many years is Henry Burner, born in Licking County, Ohio, September 3, 1835, a son of Abraham and Barbara (Stover) Burner. Abraham Burner was born in the Shenandoah Valley, Va., and died thirty years ago, aged seventy-eight years. He was a son of Henry Burner, while the great-grandfather of Henry Burner the younger, was Airhart Burner, who with two brothers came from Germany and settled in Virginia at an early period. The mother was a daughter of Samuel Stover, a farmer of Licking County, Ohio.

Reared to farm life and educated in the district schools, Henry Burner naturally became a farmer and has made Crawford County his home since he was brought here by his parents when he was ten years old. Later he became the first president of the co-operative store of Robinson, organized under the Patrons of Husbandry, and was also the first president of the Farmer's Equitable Co-operative Company, in Crawford County. The religious affiliations of Mr. Burner are with the Methodist Church, with which he has been connected for fifty-three years, and in which he has held all the offices and is now a trustee. For many years he has been an active Prohibitionist, and was much interested in the crusade of 1908.

On October 8, 1857, Mr. Burner married in Robinson Township, Crawford County, Mary Kirk, daughter of William Kirk, a farmer of Licking County, Ohio, who died July 16, 1861, at the home place in Robinson Township. The children born of this marriage were: Orlando A., born November 16, 1858, and Ida Ideal, born November 7, 1860. On March 24, 1864, Mr. Burner was married in Effingham County, Ill., to Almeda (Beem) Gillenwaters, daughter of Michael and Catherine (Randall) Beem. Michael Beem was a local Methodist preacher of Effingham County. Mr. and Mrs. Burner had children as follows: Mertie May, born in Robinson Township, near Robinson, March 8, 1876; Dora Barbara, born March 11, 1865, died January 11, 1877; Everie G., born December 12, 1866; Nettie Catherine, born October 5, 1868; Ella I., born October 26, 1870; Edgar E., born April 7, 1872; Frank M., born February 20, 1874; Charley Ross, born April 5, 1878, died January 25, 1908, and Cora Grace, born February 18, 1881.

Mrs. Burner died November 18, 1901, at the home place in Robinson Township, and the funeral services were conducted at Kirk Chapel by the Rev. Neal, her pastor, and her remains were tenderly interred in the adjacent cemetery. Mrs. Burner was born in Licking County, Ohio, February 15, 1839, and married George

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Gillenwaters June 15, 1856. By this marriage she had one daughter, Mrs, Alice Wilson, who survives her. Mr. Gillenwaters died May 3, 1859. A Methodist from youth, Mrs. Burner was an earnest, devout Christian, and lived out in her life the faith which was hers. She left at her death, eight children by her second marriage, in addition to the one by her first marriage, two stepchildren, eleven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild; a sister, Marita Beem, a half brother, Charles Beem, and her husband, as well as a large circle of friends to mourn her loss.

On January 25, 1908, death once more entered the Burner family, the son, Charley Ross, being this time the victim. He was a most exemplary young man, who, after the ordinary farmer boy life, attended normal school at Normal, Ill., and when nineteen years old engaged in teaching for two years, when he entered upon the study of medicine. In September, 1900, he entered the Indiana Medical College at Indianapolis, from which he was graduated with honors, April 22, 1904. In the following July, he settled in South Bend, Ind., but within five months he was obliged to abandon his practice on account of failing health. He joined Kirk Chapel in his youth, and was faithful to its teachings all his life. During his college life and afterwards, he was prominent in the work of the Y. M. C. A. Fraternally he was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Court of Honor. His funeral was conducted in Kirk Chapel, and he lies by the side of his mother in Kirk Cemetery. The Odd Fellows had charge of the obsequies, and the ceremony was very imposing.

BUSER, Finley L.—Successful among the enterprising young farmers of Martin Township, energetic in his work, and knowing every detail of farm life, Finley L. Buser, is naturally regarded as one of the representative farmers of Crawford County. He was born on the farm which he now occupies, on Section 35, Martin Township, January 29, 1877, a son of David Buser, a retired farmer of Newton, Ill., who was a pioneer of the county having been born in Coshocton County, Ohio, March 14, 1836. There David Buser was reared and, after attaining his majority, moved to Indiana and was there married in 1860 to Susan Holler. They became the parents of eight children, of whom Finley L. Buser was the youngest. Their children were all born on the present farm of Mr. Buser except the eldest, who was born in Indiana. David Buser came to Crawford County soon after his marriage, located on the farm that became the homestead. He improved it and brought the land into a good state of cultivation. His first purchase consisted of 40 acres, but he kept adding to it until he owned 300 acres. In 1903 he retired from farming, locating at Newton, Jasper County, Ill., where he is enjoying the results of his labors. A Democrat in politics and a member of the First Christian Church, he has plenty to interest him.

Finley L. Buser was brought up in the usual way, alternating between the district school and hard work on the farm. On September 28, 1902, he married Ada Sheets, who was born in Oblong Township, a daughter of Henry Sheets, of the same Township, a successful farmer and one of the pioneers of that part of Crawford County. Mr. Buser owns 50 acres of the homestead, which he has improved and has developed into a very valuable property. Mr. and Mrs. Buser have two daughters,—Dorothy and Doris, both born at their present home. Mr. Buser is a Democrat. Both he and his wife are members of the First Christian Church, and they have many friends in the locality where they reside.

CALLAHAN, Ethelbert, attorney-at-law and the oldest of the Bar of Crawford County, was born in Licking County, Ohio, December 17, 1829. His father was of Irish and his mother of English descent, and his father's father, the Rev. George Callahan, was a soldier of the Revolution, and a pioneer Methodist preacher in Ohio. In 1849 Ethelbert Callahan came to Crawford County, and during the following winter taught a three-months' school for fifteen dollars a month. In 1853-54 he edited the "Wabash Sentinel," and then went to Marshall and edited the "Telegraph" during the Know Nothing campaign of 1854.

On June 27, 1854, he married Mrs. Mary Barlow Jones and has since resided in Crawford County. When a boy he was present at a trial in which Thomas Ewing and Henry Stansbury were the opposing counsel and was so much interested that he determined to become a lawyer, but this ambition did not seem on the way to be gratified. In 1857 he was elected Justice of the Peace and began to read law. In 1859 he was admitted to the Bar. In 1861 he opened an office at Robinson, the county-seat of Crawford County, and began an active practice, which he still continues. His career as a lawyer has been eminently successful in every way. Mr. Callahan has a profound knowledge of law; he gives each case patient study thus gaining complete mastery of every detail, and he has that rare ability to seize upon opportunities during a trial and making the most of them. An eloquent man, he has always had a great power over juries, and yet he has at the same time always maintained a high standard of honor and courtesy to friend and foe alike.

The general practice of a country lawyer necessarily includes every branch of the law and all classes of cases, from the most trivial to those of the most serious character involving life, liberty, reputation and the numerous rights of property arising out of diversified pursuits and commerce of the country. This kind of practice enlarges the knowledge, and broadens the mind of the lawyer who keeps up with its demands. It is enough to say that such a practice was Mr. Callahan's and that he has kept

fully abreast of it. As a recognition of his character, ability and standing as a lawyer, the honorary degree of LL. D. was conferred upon him in June, 1898, by McKendree College.

Mr. Callahan claims the distinction of having made the first speech in the county in favor of the Republican party. As a member of the Republican party he has served in the Twenty-ninth, Thirty-seventh, Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth General Assemblies of the State. As Presidential Elector in 1880 and 1888, he assisted in casting the vote of Illinois for Garfield and Harrison. He was a member of the first Stae Board of Equalization. He was one of the organizers of the Illinois State Bar Association, was its President in 1889, and has contributed several valuable papers, among which was "The Lawyers of the Bible," which has been extensively copied. One of the largest farmers in the county, his farm on the banks of the Wabash is an exponent of the best methods of cultivating the soil, and his great success as an agriculturist proves that brains are needed in the growing of corn and the system of drainage, just as they are at the Bench or the Bar. He is a member of the Methodist Church and was in 1874 a delegate from the Southern Illinois Conference of that church to the General Conference held in Brooklyn. Mr. Callahan has been largely instrumental in securing many improvements throughout the county, and is oftentimes called the Father of Hard Roads in Crawford County.

CARLISLE, Jonas W., M. D.—The profession of medicine is one that demands much of its followers, and never receives enough of their time or energy, for the education of a good physician is never completed as long as he lives. No other calling demands so much constant study and research, but none is so exalted or so satisfying in results, for the issues of life and death are within the control of the doctor, and unless he is competent death ensues. Among the leading physicans of Crawford County, one of whom there should be special mention is Jonas W. Carlisle, who is engaged in active practice in Robinson. He was born near Hardinville, Crawford County. Ill., August 30, 1868, a son of James and Sallie (Allsup) Carlisle. James Carlisle, the father, was born in Ohio in 1841, while his wife was born in Indiana in 1840. The father was a merchant and served during the Civil War as a soldier in the Sixty-fifth Indiana Volunteer Infantry. At the close of the war, James Carlisle, in 1865, came to Martin Township, Crawford County and engaged in farming, which he continued until three years prior to his death, when he became a merchant of Hardinville. He died in March, 1875, but his widow still survives, living in Robinson.

After finishing a common school course Dr. Carlisle went to Merom College and the Northern Indiana Normal School at Valparaiso and then for five years taught school in Crawford County, after which he began the study of medicine in the Chicago Physio-Medical College, from which he was graduated in the Class of 1897. After his graduation he at once located in Robinson where he has since resided, firmly establishing himself in the confidence of the community and building up a large and remunerative practice. Dr. Carlisle is fortunate in having as his partner his wife, who was a classmate of his and who graduated with him and then took a course in training as a nurse at the Willie Hipp Hospital at Chicago. The firm does business under the name of Drs. Carlisle. Mrs. Carlisle was a Miss Bessie Ross, born in Sterling, Whiteside County, Ill., in 1873. Her parents were from New England.

Dr. Carlisle has always been a Republican and in religious affiliations is a Methodist, having joined that church when fourteen years of age. Fraternally he belongs to these orders: Loyal Americans, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Modern Woodmen, Improved Order of Red Men. Royal Arcanum, Court of Honor, Tribe of Ben Hur, Modern American, and Sons of Veterans.

Dr. and Mrs. Carlisle were married June 30, 1897, and four children have been born to them: Vera and Vivian, twin girls, born June 16, 1900; Iris, born October 3, 1905. and Irma, born January 13, 1908. In addition to owning valuable oil property, which yields a comfortable income, the Carlisles own their beautiful home on the corner of West Main Street. They are not only among the best physicians in the county, but are very popular socially and enjoy a wide reputation for their delightful hospitality.

COLLIFLOWER, Capt. W. J., a farmer of Hutsonville Township for many years, was born in Washington County, Md., September 18, 1833, the eldest of six children born to his parents, Peter and Mary (Markett) Colliflower, born in 1780, and 1802, respectively. in Washington County, Md., the former of whom died when W. J. Colliflower was only thirteen. The lad began working for $3 per month, and in 1847 he accompanied his brother-in-law, Samuel Sowders, to Columbus, Ohio, and in the following spring to Dayton, in that State. In 1851 he engaged as huckster for Levi Lemon, and a year later carried on this line of business for himself. Later he became clerk in a dry-goods store, and in the spring of 1853 made an overland trip to California and remained there until July, 1854, when he returned home. In September, 1854, he returned to California by water, and from there went to Vancouver's Island with several prospectors. They built a boat proposing to investigate the Frazer River and ascended the stream for 200 miles, but met with no success with their mining ventures. In 1859 once more he returned home, and a year later went to southwestern Missouri where he engaged in the fruit-tree business. He also bought furs of the Indians and sold them. In August, 1862, he enlisted in the Sixty-third Ohio Infantry, Company I, going out as captain, and participating in all of the engagements of his regiment,

and being mustered out in August, 1864, after which he came to Crawford County, Ill., and bought a farm in Hutsonville Township, which he has increased until he became the owner of 265 acres. In politics Mr. Colliflower is a Republican, and has always supported his party. Mr. Colliflower was married near Dayton, Ohio, in June, 1861, to Sarah A. Horning, who was born May 19, 1838, and they became the parents of these children: Minnie H., John S., William P., Lawrence G., Estella M., Myrtle M., Roscoe and Ralph.

CORRELL, Thomas (deceased), formerly a farmer of Hutsonville Township, was born in the county, July 30, 1830, a son of Hiram and Rebecca (Newlin) Correll. Hiram was born August 12, 1807, in North Carolina, and died September 7, 1873, his wife born in Randolph County, N. C., July 1, 1810, and they had these children: Thomas, Sophia, Alfred, John Matthew, Margaret, Mary, Irene, Jane, Lucretia and Winfield S., who lived to maturity. Thomas Correll's educational advantages were limited, but he attended district school, and when old enough became a farmer. At the time of his marriage he owned 80 acres of land, and later increased this to 345 acres, which he devoted to farming and stock-raising, and also engaged in grain threshing and manufacturing tile. He belonged to the Patrons of Husbandry, Science Lodge, No. 1161, and with his wife was a member of the Christian Church. In politics he was a Republican. On May 23, 1850, Mr. Correll was married in Crawford County to Susannah York, born July 28, 1828, in that county, a daughter of John and Martha (Eaton) York, natives of Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Correll had children as follows: Albert N., Orlan N., Matilda E., Sophia I., Celestia J., Charles M., Minnie B., Ira H., John A. and William W.

CORTELYOU, John.—The farming interests of Crawford County certainly vie with the oil interests since the discovery of oil in this locality, and many of those who, prior to that discovery, devoted all of their attention to agricultural matters, are engaged in the production of oil, or associated with kindred lines. John Cortelyou, of Robinson Township, who is one of the most prosperous farmers and oil men of the county, was born in Warren County, Ohio, near the town of Mason, December 28, 1838, a son of Peter and Catherine Cortelyou, natives of New Jersey. They had children as follows: Abraham, born October 1, 1825; William, born December 19, 1826; Aletta, born January 15, 1829; Rebecca, born March 9, 1831; Jacob, born January 24, 1834; Peter, born August 28, 1836; and John, born December 28, 1838, the last named being the only surviving member of this family.

John Cortelyou was educated in the district school of his neighborhood, and remained on the farm with his father until he was married on May 23, 1865, at Lebanon, Ohio, by Rev. Lucien Clark, a Methodist minister, to Mary A. Maud, born November 27, 1838, a daughter of John and Hannah Maud, both from Yorkshire, England. In 1868 he removed from Ohio to Illinois, and located in Robinson Township, Crawford County, where he rented a farm of 120 acres for eight years. He then bought 136 acres from William Updike, and six producing wells have been drilled on it. In addition to this farm, which is an excellent one, he has given each of his four sons a farm.

The Maud family came to America about 1834 on a sailing vessel, being six months on the ocean before their arrival at New York City. The journey was a very trying one, especially for young children. There were eight children in the Maud family,—four born in England and four in America, and being evenly divided as to sex. The father worked in Cincinnati at various kinds of work for two years, when he commenced farming, renting 160 acres on shares. His sons grew to be wealthy men, owning between them at one time some 600 acres about eighteen miles outside of Cincinnati.

Mr. and Mrs. Cortelyou have had children as follows: William M., born October 30, 1866, died November 8, 1896—had married Grace Carlton, daughter of John and Martha Carlton, and they had one daughter, Dorothy; Arthur Elmer, born February 15, 1868, married Cora Miller, daughter of Israel and Lydia Miller, and they have six children: Allen, born November 15, 1869, married Ella Dees, daughter of Daniel Dees of Crawford County, and they have one son. Chester; Herbert Preston, born January 25, 1876, married Melissa Connett, daughter of Isaac and Rebecca Connett, and they have one child, Willard; Francis M., born October 3, 1879, married Dale Henderson, daughter of Joseph and Melissa Henderson, and they have four daughters and one son.

Mr. Cortelyou is a Republican in politics, and belongs to the United Brethren church of which he has been a member for forty-five years, his wife having joined the church at the same time.

COULTER, Charles V.—Farming and stock-raising have become very profitable, especially in Crawford County where there are so many favorable conditions relating to agricultural life. Charles V. Coulter, although one of the young farmers of Martin Township, is one of its most progressive citizens. He is a native of Crawford County, having been born in Robinson Township, November 27, 1882, a son of Henry Coulter, a retired farmer and carpenter of Martin Township, who came to this township from Robinson Township. The father is of German descent, a son of Valentine Coulter (now deceased), who was a pioneer of Robinson Township, clearing off there a fine farm. The mother of Charles V. Coulter was Katherine (Culp) Coulter, also of German descent. She bore her husband children as follows: James L. (deceased), Ida, Russell, Mary, and Charles V., all born in Robinson Township.

In 1907, at twenty-five years of age, Mr.

Coulter married Myrtle Boyd, who was born in Robinson Township, a daughter of Noah Boyd, a pioneer of Robinson Township. There Mr. Coulter began farming and now has a fine farm of 60 acres of land on which are located two wells of oil. Mr. Coulter is a life-long Democrat but as yet has not aspired to public office. His success in farming is such as to encourage him to continue, although he has seen considerable of the outside world, for in 1898 he became a member of Company D, Fourth Illinois Infantry, with which he was connected for three years. Prior to his marriage he spent two years in the West engaged in farming. He is a young man who is not backward in taking advantage of any opportunity offered, and is bright, keen, a good business man, and a hard worker, and one who makes friends wherever he goes.

COX, Bryant (deceased), who at one time was a successful farmer of Hutsonville Township, was born in Wayne County, N. C., October 21, 1804, a son of Thomas and Winney (Harrol) Cox, who died, the former in 1809 and the latter between 1850 and 1860. Bryant Cox was the fourth in a family of seven children, losing his father when five years old. As his widowed mother had to bring up her children on scanty means, his only educational advantages consisted of seventeen days at school, but he was energetic and ambitious, and soon was helping his mother. When he was over twenty he married and began farming for himself, paying more than half he made for rent. In 1830 he came to Illinois, reaching Crawford County, June 1, having made the journey on foot, his wife and children coming on in a cart drawn by two horses, only one of which was his own. Here he rented land in Hutsonville Township, about a quarter of a mile from what became his farm. The family endured all kinds of hardships, sleeping on the floor in their log cabin, but they finally prospered and he entered land in 1833 to the amount of 70 acres. To this he added until at one time he owned 611 acres, which he later divided among his children, retiring from active life. On February 5, 1824, he married Martha Bradbury in North Carolina, who died February 5, 1842, leaving five children. July 15, 1842, he married in Crawford County, Candace Harrison, who died March 1, 1879. On August 14, 1881, he married Sarah Miller of Crawford County. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cox were members of the Christian Church.

COX, Rev. John L., born in Crawford County, December 10, 1840, whose father was born in Wayne County, N. C., September 25, 1804, and came to Union County, Ill., with his parents in 1823, and to Crawford County in 1825. He married in 1828 Deborah Lindley, born in North Carolina, April 5, 1811, and who died November 24, 1878, while he died January 22, 1868. They had ten children, of whom John L. was the sixth. After growing up on the farm, John L. Cox married at the age of twenty-five, and leaving home engaged in farming. He lost his wife the first year of their married life, and the next summer returned to the homestead. In January, 1867, he became a preacher of the Missionary Baptist Church in his vicinity, and finally divided his time between the Mount Zion and Liberty churches. His farm of 145 acres was made valuable through his efforts, and he was as good a preacher as farmer, being eloquent and a man of deep piety. His first marriage occurred January 25, 1866, when he married Augusta Rains, who died November 21, 1866. November 25, 1875, he married Lucinda Mickey, a native of Crawford County, born February 8, 1856, and they had three children: Ernest, Eunice and Almie.

COX, John Thomas.—The mercantile house of Cox, general merchant of Trimble, is a monument to the business enterprise of John Thomas Cox, who has been connected with various business enterprises in Crawford County. He was born at Hutsonville in that county, April 4, 1868, a son of William and Emily (Voorheis) Cox. William Cox was born on the home place in Hutsonville Township, March 14, 1838, and died November 29, 1881. The paternal grandfather, Thomas Cox, was one of the very early settlers of Crawford County, coming from North Carolina. The maternal grandfather, Mahlon Voorheis was also a pioneer of Crawford County. Mrs. William Cox resides in Trimble and keeps house for her son A. M. Cox. A brother of Mrs. Cox, Joseph Voorheis was killed in 1863. His command was ambuscaded, and commanded to surrender, and he alone refused to do so, opening up fire, and he fell, riddled with bullets. The birth of Mrs. Cox occurred in Hutsonville Township, March 1, 1840.

After attending common school in Hutsonville, Mr. Cox entered the academy at Bloomingdale, Ind., and after finishing his course there, took a course at the Commercial College at Valparaiso, Ind., which he failed to complete on account of illness, compelling him to return home. Following this he and his brother engaged in a butchering business under the style of Cox Bros., at Hutsonville, and thus continued for four years, when he was made Overseer of the County Farm, continuing in that office for five years, when he opened his present general merchandise store at Trimble.

On September 21, 1890, at Trimble, Mr. Cox was married to Miss Minnie Myrtle Meek, born January 18, 1871, daughter of George and Miranda Meek, the former born October 9, 1836, in Ohio, and the latter born February 13, 1843, near Brazil, Ind. The father of Mrs. Cox enlisted in Company B, Ninety-seventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Smith. He was severely wounded and suffered from his wound until gangrene set in which occasioned his death, February 1, 1877. Mr. and Mrs. Cox have three children: Glendela, born July 4, 1891; Bertha May, born May 18, 1894; and Ansel Voorheis, born October 21, 1901. These

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children are all very bright, and the eldest shows evidence of becoming quite brilliant. She joined the Christian church in 1906, and her sister Bertha May joined in 1907. Mrs. Cox joined the church when sixteen years old, and is an active worker in it. Her class of girls and boys in the Sunday School is very large, and she is extremely popular.

In politics Mr. Cox is a Republican, and has served as Tax Collector two years and seven years as School Director. Fraternally, he is a Modern Woodman and a Royal Neighbor. He has been a member of the Baptist church of Hutsonville for fourteen years, and was at one time Superintendent of the Sunday School. The family are comfortably located in their delightful home in Trimble, where a hearty hospitality is extended to the large circle of friends the Cox family have gathered about them.

Mr. Cox came himself of a large family, being the seventh in nine children, as follows: H. T., K. M., Katherine, Alice, two who died in infancy, John Thomas, Lura (deceased), and A. M. All the surviving children reside in Crawford County. Mrs. Cox was the sixth in a family of nine children, namely: Laura (deceased), Ida, Sarah, Jane, Dovanna (Mrs. Cox), Sabrina, E. A., and G. D.

CREWS, J. C. (deceased), for many years an agriculturist of Crawford County, was born April 23, 1841, in that county, son of W. J. Crews and Amelia (Spraggins) Crews, the former born in Virginia August 7, 1802. In 1817 W. J. Crews came to Crawford County with his father, and entered Government land, which later came into the possession of J. H. Crews. The latter was educated in Montgomery Township, and had a valuable early training in farm work. February 13, 1866, he married Ella Pifer, born September 16, 1845, in La Motte Township, daughter of Joseph and Margaret (Walker) Fifer. Mrs. Crews bore her husband two children: Charles W. and Edwin C. Mr. Crews was a Republican, a Knight of Honor, and he and his wife joined the Methodist Episcopal Church.

CROWLEY, Judge Joseph Burns.—For Judge Crowley public office has always been indeed a public trust, and he has conscientiously labored to discharge it. He has handled many grave problems with marked skill, and it is characteristic of him that he does not consider that his obligation to the public is limited simply to the faithful discharge of his official duties. There has not been an important question of legislation, nor an important movement on the part of the county or State for some years, in which he has not taken at least a deep interest, if he did not personally participate, and the debt Crawford County, as well as Robinson, owes him is too great ever to be adequately discharged.

Judge Crowley was born in Coshocton, Ohio, July 19, 1858, a son of Samuel Burns and Elizabeth (Williams) Crowley. Samuel B. Crowley was born in the same place as his son, March 17, 1820, while the mother was a native of the same locality, where she was born January 7, 1827. Samuel B. Crowley was a man of importance in his day, and his worth was recognized when Governor Chase of Ohio appointed him Major-General of the Ohio State Militia. At the outbreak of the Civil War, Major Crowley served as Captain, commanding Company K, Thirty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, serving with distinction, having previously served as Lieutenant in an Ohio regiment during the Mexican War. Later he was Sheriff of Coshoction County, Ohio, and still later filled two terms in the same capacity in Jasper County, Ill., where he settled in 1858, removing thence to Robinson, Crawford County, in 1871. By trade he was a carpenter and followed that calling, making a success in life financially, as he certainly did as a supporter of his country.

Judge Crowley was educated in the common schools of Illinois, in the law office of George N. Parker and by experience, and is a man of wide reading, broad views and deep sympathies whose judicial mind can grasp and decide upon any subject without any appreciable effort. For some time in the beginning of his career Judge Crowley carried the United States mails from Robinson to Lancaster, Ill., a distance of forty miles. He next clerked in a grocery store, but then decided upon entering the legal profession and began the study of law in the office of George N. Parker, being admitted to the Bar in May, 1883, when he formed a partnership with Mr. Parker under the name of Parker & Crowley, which still continues. In 1886 so well known had he become, he was elected County Judge on the Deomcratic ticket and re-elected in 1890. In 1893 he was appointed by President Cleveland as Special United States Treasury Agent in charge of the Fur Seal Fisheries of Alaska, when he resigned the judgeship to accept the honor tendered him. After filling the office with distinction for five years, he resigned in 1898 and became a candidate for Congress on the Democratic ticket, was elected by a large majority and re-elected in 1900 and 1902, serving in all three terms. Fraternally Judge Crowley is a member of the Masonic order, is a Knights Templar, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Elks, Woodmen, and Modern Americans. In church affiliation, he is a Presybterian.

Judge Crowley was married in Robinson, Ill., in 1889, to Miss Alice Newlin, who was born in that city September 29, 1894. Two children have been born to them: Emily, aged eighteen, and Joseph Burns, Jr., aged four years. Judge and Mrs. Crowley have a beautiful home in Robinson, surrounded by carefully improved grounds in which shrubs and giant trees alternate. This home is the center of complete domestic happiness and hospitality and their many friends enjoy nothing better than a visit to it.

CUNNINGHAM, James Edward.—The growth and development of any section is caused just as much by the enterprise, energy and progressive spirit of its citizens as by its own natural resources. No community has ever reached a state of high development without the aid of capable, reliable men in whom the faith of the public, at large can be placed, and Oblong Township is no exception to this rule. One of the representative citizens of this township is James Edward Cunningham, who was born in Oblong Township, Crawford County, Ill., July 21, 1858. His father, William Cunningham, was born October 28, 1828, in Licking County, Ohio, and his death occurred near Hardinville, April 28, 1869. He was a son of Jonathan Cunningham, who came to Crawford County and took up 400 acres of government land.

In 1851, when twenty-three years old, William Cunningham came to Crawford County, and for a number of years worked at his trade as a carpenter in Oblong and Martin Townships putting up many houses. He also cleared off a farm, and, at the time of his death, owned 220 acres in Oblong Township. William Cunningham married Ruth A. Smith, a daughter of Stephen and Lydia (Hudson) Smith, who was born in Genesee County, N. Y., March 24, 1835. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. William Cunningham were: James E., born July 21, 1858; John O., born March 25, 1860; George A., born November 21, 1861; Samuel E., born February 27, 1864; Frank M., born November 23, 1865, died unmarried June 2, 1895, near Danville, Ind., and is buried at Hardinville; Thomas H., born June 10, 1867, died September 16th of the same year; and Fred W., born August 19, 1868. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Cunningham married Adam S. Siler, and they have had two children, both of whom are married. Mrs. Siler lives in Robinson.

James Edward Cunningham received his early education in the log schoolhouse in Martin Township, and then went to school in the Center School District in Oblong Township. He was married April 21, 1888, to Irene Mitchell, in Oblong Township, the Rev. William Tilroe of the Methodist church officiating. Miss Mitchell was a daughter of William E. and Martha (Dispennett) Mitchell, the former a native of Indiana, and the latter (now deceased), of Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham are the parents of seven children, namely: Raymond C., born May 17, 1889; Elsie Fern, born March 30, 1891; Bertha Inez, born September 19, 1893; Mabel M., born February 25, 1896, died July 26, 1897; Florence L., born May 10, 1898; Lela, born March 6, 1901, and Mary Edith, born November 16, 1903.

In politics Mr. Cunningham is a Democrat, and fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen. Mrs. Cunningham is a member of the Methodist church, in which she has been a Sunday School teacher for twenty-five years. For eight terms she was a teacher in the public schools of Crawford County, and became well and favorably known as an educator.

CURTIS, Charles F.—Persistent effort along any line brings success and the gratifying realization of work well done. From poverty, through hard work and sturdy thrift, Charles F. Curtis, a farmer and oil-producer of Section 12, Oblong Township, Crawford County, has become a man of means and is regarded as one of the representative citizens of his locality. He was born on his father's farm, July 31, 1880, a son of L. B. Curtis, a farmer and pioneer of Oblong Township. Left an orphan at sixteen, Mr. Curtis worked for neighboring farmers until 1904, and secured a common school education. In 1904 he located on his present farm of 79 acres, and cleared up four acres, and made extensive improvement. In 1907 Mr. Curtis was fortunate enough to discover oil on his property, and now has five good wells in operation.

In April, 1904, Mr. Curtis was married to Melissa Hargus, a daughter of John Hargus, and they have one child, Caswell. Mr. Curtis has always been a Republican, but is not an office-seeker. The pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis is the center of perfect domestic happiness, and they welcome their many friends with delightful hospitality.

CURTIS, John H.—Existence in what was once frontier regions, then so full of the tragedy of Indian warfare, has been gradually softened by peace and religion through the efforts of the brave pioneers, history makers. The Curtis family is very prominently identified with the early history of Illinois, and especially of Crawford County, where its members are to be found in large numbers, all prosperous, and many occupying positions of public trust. John H. Curtis, residing on Section 14, Oblong Township, was born in the township in which he now resides, January 15, 1844, a son of A. C. Curtis, one of the pioneers of the township, who was a native of Ohio and came to Oblong in 1840 when a young man. He came with his father, William W. Curtis, who organized the first Christian conference in the State. He entered land from the government, cleared it, and owned property that is now the site of the best oil wells in this locality. William W. Curtis had twelve children, whom he reared to useful maturity, and he was a man widely known and universally respected.

A. C. Curtis married Sarah Boyd, born in Kentucky and married in Oblong Township. He entered 160 acres of land in Oblong Township, paying therefor $1.25 an acre, and which has since been developed into a valuable property. He kept adding to his holdings, and at one time owned 500 acres in that Township. Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Curtis had ten children, four sons and six daughters, all born in Oblong Township, of whom John H. Curtis is the eldest, six being now deceased. The father was a stanch Republican, and in religious relations was a member of the Christian church. His death occurred when he was forty-eight years old.

Working on his father's homestead, and attending the local schools, John H. Curtis grew to sturdy young manhood. On August 9, 1862, he enlisted in Company D, Ninety-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered out July 6, 1865. He was attached to the Army of the Cumberland and participated in the engagements at Wild Cat Gap and Mill Springs, Ky., Murfreesboro, Stone River, Hoover's Gap, Liberty Gap, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Ringgold (Ga.), Buzzard's Roost, Kenesaw Mountain, Noonday Creek, Atlanta (Ga.), Franklin (Tenn), and was at Nashville. He also took part in the pursuit of Morgan during his famous raid. His term of service was a long one and he was in some very heavy engagements, always proving himself a brave and loyal soldier.

Returning home in 1865 Mr. Curtis bought forty-four acres of land, and immediately began clearing it off. About 1877 he sold this farm and moved to Kansas, but returned to Crawford County the following fall and bought fifty acres of land paying therefor $12.50 an acre, and for which he has recently refused $100 per acre. This land is his present home. Mr. Curtis married on December 28, 1865, Sarah Jane Salsbury, daughter of L. Salsbury, one of the pioneers of Crawford County. Mrs. Curtis was born and reared in Oblong Township. Her birth occurred December 12, 1846, and she died in 1894. Ten children were born of this marriage, seven of whom are deceased: Charles, Anna and Belle survive. Mr. Curtis was married July 19, 1895, to Lucy (Gaines) Clark, widow of David Clark, a farmer of Crawford County, born in this county, and a daughter of Richard Gaines, now deceased, formerly a farmer of Licking Township. Mrs. Curtis had two children by her first marriage: Ethel and Margaret. Mr. Curtis has always been a Republican, is a member of the G. A. R., and takes a great interest in G. A. R. Post work. His religious home is in the New Light Christian church, of which he is a trustee. He is a man of high moral character, one who has always set an example to those about him, and has faithfully discharged every duty of life in such a way as to win him universal commendation from his neighbors and friends.

CURTIS, L. B.—The prosperity of the young farmers of Crawford County is something which occasions remark, for it is seldom that the younger generation fail in agriculture, probably because the latter-day farmers are following their work scientifically and know how to raise profitably their crops, and economically feed their stock, producing better results at less cost. L. B. Curtis of Section 12, Oblong Township, is one of these, was born in the township in which he now resides, February 15, 1882, a son of L. B. Curtis, now deceased. Until he reached the age of fourteen years, Mr. Curtis attended school, but his parents dying then, he was forced to work to support himself and, as soon as he could save up enough money, he bought forty acres of land, the greater part of which was cleared. He lived upon it until the spring of 1904, when he moved to his present farm of forty acres on which oil has been discovered, and where he now has four wells in operation.

On April, 15, 1903, Mr. Curtis married Mattie Weck, born in Jasper County, Ill., and reared there on a farm. They had two children who died in infancy, Mrs. Curtis dying in 1905. The same year Mr. Curtis married Celia Weck, his former wife's sister, and they have two children: Nettie Burnest and Cora Erelina, both born on the home farm. In politics Mr. Curtis is a Prohibitionist, in religious faith is a Latter Day Saint, and is highly respected in the community. Prosperous, enterprising, a good citizen and man of religious habits, Mr. Curtis is justly regarded as one of the representative young farmers of Oblong Township.

CURTIS, William A.—The agricultural and oil interests of Crawford County are in the hands of intelligent, industrious men who thoroughly understand their business and are developing the county in a manner that is almost marvelous. William A. Curtis, farmer and oil producer of Section 11, Oblong Township, is of this class, and has resided on his present farm since his birth, March 13, 1863. He is a son of Littleberry B. Curtis, now deceased, who was a pioneer of Oblong Township and a native of Illinois, his father, William Wiley Curtis being a pioneer of Oblong Township, who came here in 1838 with his four sons and three daughters, of whom L. B. Curtis was the second son. William W. Curtis settled on forty acres in the woods, which he cleared and cultivated, and in addition to being a farmer he was a preacher. L. B. Curtis attended school in the primitive log schoolhouse, and early began working for farmers at twenty-five cents a day, weaving baskets to earn a little extra. He saved his money and entered land in Oblong Township, where he settled with his bride who had been Mary J. Madox, also a native of Illinois, who was reared on a farm. Of the ten children born to them William A. was the second son and sixth child. There were three sons and seven daughters in this pioneer family, two of whom died in infancy. The sons married and settled in Oblong Township, where the mother died.

The second wife of Littleberry B. Curtis was Hannah Weck, born in Jasper County, Ill., where they were married. After her death he married Phoebe Meese, who was born in Crawford County, a daughter of Henry Meese, a farmer and cooper of the county. They had seven sons and one daughter. At one time L. B. Curtis had between 700 and 800 acres of land in Crawford County besides a section of land in Arkansas. He was a life-long Republican, and stoutly supported the candidates and principles of his party. In religious faith he was a Christian in early life, but later joined the Latter Day Saints Church.

In August, 1882, Mr. William A. Curtis married Dora E. Randolph, born in Licking Township, where she was reared, a daughter of William Randolph, one of the early settlers of that locality. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis have had children as follows: James Logan, Zona, Carrie, Mattie, May, Roy, Elsie, Olie and Esther, all born on the present farm. Mr. Curtis first rented his present farm in 1884, but later bought 57 acres, and brought it into a good state of cultivation, and in 1908 its value was materially increased by the discovery of oil, and he now has eight wells in operation. In political faith he is a Republican, and one of the enterprising, energetic farmers and business men of this locality.

DARNOLD, Napoleon B. (deceased)—After passing through all the changes of a long and useful life, and realizing that his efforts had been rewarded with gratifying success, Napoleon B. Darnold spent the latter years of his life in retirement on his farm, Section 4, Honey Creek Township, Crawford County, and where his death occurred November 10, 1908, at the age of more than seventy-three years. Mr. Darnold was born in Carroll County, Ky., April 9, 1835, a son of Blackwell Darnold, a Kentucky farmer, who was a native of Virginia. Mr. Darnold was reared, educated and married in Kentucky, the maiden name of his wife being Sarah Jane Bartlett, who wa also born and reared in Kentucky. In 1864 Mr. Darnold came to Crawford County, and settled in Honey Creek Township, where he rented land for a period, but later bought 40 acres, of which he cleared off about 30 acres and made other improvements. To this he added until he owned 73 acres, also bought land in other parts of the township, the greater part of which he cleared and placed under cultivation. All of his land has been devoted to general farming and stock-raising, managing the farm himself until 1900 when he retired. He was always a Democrat in politics and for many years has been a member of the Christian Church.

By his first wife, Mr. Darnold had children as follows: Lemuel B., Narada, Ida and Le Grand, all born in Honey Creek Township, except Lemuel, who was born in Kentucky. The second wife of Mr. Darnold was Lizzy Parker, a cousin of George N. Parker, and daughter of George Parker, a pioneer settler of Crawford County. She was born and reared in Crawford County. Two sons and five daughters were born of this marriage: Carrie, Bertha, Napoleon, Ella, Linna and Ora, all born in Honey Creek Township. The third wife of Mr. Darnold, who still survives him, is a native of Crawford County, a daughter of John Haverbill and previous to her last marriage was the widow of A. C. Darnold. By her first marriage Mrs. Darnold had children as follows: Palmer, John, Otis, Cleveland, Luta, Ada, Ida, Alice, Anna and Elma (deceased), all born in Honey Creek Township.

DAUGHERTY, William Ellsworth.—The art of photography has been so much developed within the past few years that it is now possible to work miracles with the camera. Many prefer the photograph to the drawing, for it presents actual objects as they are, not as they are imagined. As the art has advanced, however, so has the skill of the photographer; and to-day the modern photographer is an artist of no mean ability, who understands thoroughly the values of light and shadow and effective grouping, besides being considerable of a chemist. No longer is the photographer willing to print carelessly posed pictures from an untouched plate. Even when the finished photograph is delivered, it has been treated in so many ways, that to the uninitiated, it would seem almost marvelous. Among those who are successfully engaged in this line, is William Ellsworth Daugherty, of Robinson, Ill., who was born April 28, 1872, a son of Jefferson and Selina Jane (Schoonover) Daugherty, both natives of Sullivan County, Ind., where he was born March 26, 1841, and she on January 16, 1851. Later they came to Palestine, Ill., where William Ellsworth was born.

In July, 1861, Jefferson Daugherty enlisted at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, Mo., in Company H, Eleventh Missouri Infantry, and was honorably discharged on January 26, 1864, on account of total blindness. He participated in the battle of Fredericksburg, the capture of Island No. 10, the Battle of Corinth, the capture of Jackson, Miss., and the Siege of Vicksburg. He was a gallant soldier, and suffered much for his country.

After receiving a high school education at Robinson, William E. Daugherty, subject of this sketch, commenced the study of photography, and for several years conducted a studio at Robonson. On May 20, 1901, he moved to Chicago to take charge of a photograph studio at 5323 Cottage Grove Avenue. On July 13, 1902, he moved to Denver and accepted a position as staff photographer on the Rocky Mountain News. However, July 24, 1903, he returned to Robinson, where he is now located in a studio, and there enjoys an excellent patronage.

Fraternally Mr. Daugherty is a member of the A. F. & A. M. and the K. of P. A Republican in politics, he has never cared for public office. He is a member of the Christian Church. On May 11, 1893, Mr. Daugherty was married in Robinson, Ill., to Lucy Collins Thomas, born in Robinson, August 11, 1870, and they had two children: Lyman Harry, born May 29, 1894, and Ruth Estella, born June 21, 1899. Mrs. Daugherty died July 26, 1903. The second wife of Mr. Daugherty was Nellie Lansing, born at Troy, Ill., July 19, 1886.

DAVIS, Dr. Charles Ludvey.—Grandson of a noted physician whose life was spent in the practice of his profession, and who died in the prime

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of his career, Dr. Charles Ludvey Davis inherited his leaning towards his chosen calling, and early in life had an ambition to become a member of the medical fraternity. Dr. Davis was born in Robinson, March 11, 1884, and after graduating from the Robinson High School, in May, 1904, entered the medical department of the University of St. Louis, attending four years, and during his last year served as interne of the Frisco Railroad Hospital. He was graduated from the University May 22, 1908, with his degree. He was a member of the Chi Zeta Chi Medical Fraternity, and is a member of the Crawford County Medical Society, and of the Masonic order. Dr. Davis is a member of the Methodist Church with which he has been associated for sixteen years. He is interested in public affairs, and is one of the most enterprising men of his community. As a physician and surgeon his ability, skill and experience have given him a good practice, and he has the deserved confidence and respect of his patients.

Dr. Davis is a son of Charles Edwin Davis, who was born in New Hebron, Ill., and until 1891 farmed on his property of 160 acres, one and one-half miles north of Robinson, but in that year purchased a residence in Robinson, where he now resides. He owns some very valuable oil and gas lands, and has long been closely identified with the general improvement of Robinson. In religious faith he is a Baptist.

The grandfather of Dr. Davis was Dr. Charles Clippinger Davis, born at Carlisle, Sullivan County, Ind., January 23, 1830, a son of Dr. John W. Davis, a man of public note. He was a member of Congress, Speaker of the House, Minister to China, and held many other important positions. In 1852 he lacked but one vote of becoming nominee of his party for President, Franklin Pierce being the successful candidate.

Dr. C. C. Davis was educated at the University of Greencastle, Ind., and at the Cincinnati (Ohio) Medical College. In 1853 he located at Robinson, where he resided with the exception of the time spent at New Hebron. He died very suddenly, his funeral services being conducted at his late residence by his pastor, Rev. Dr. Van Treese, of the Methodist Church. His remains were interred in the Palestine Cemetery, where his first wife and several children had been laid to rest many years before. His second wife was Mrs. Sarah A. (Reinoehl) Showers, who was a daughter of John and Catherine (Johns) Reinoehl, and who was born in New Hebron, Ill., March 1, 1842, and there married to Dr. Davis, November 22, 1864. They had two children: George Wallace, who died October 7, 1886, aged eighteen months, and Mary Joy, born August 22, 1888, and died at the age of sixteen years and nine months. Mrs. Davis is living in her home in Robinson. By his first marriage Dr. Davis had two sons: Charles Edwin, of Robinson and Dr. James Davis, of Annapolis, Crawford County.

Dr. Charles L. Davis is the oldest of a family of five children born to his parents, the others being: Bonnie May, born October 7, 1886; Frank, born January 13, 1893; Esther, born August 28, 1896, and Russell, born July 29, 1902. Bonnie May is the only one who has married, and she is now the wife of Harold Watson, of Spencerville, Ohio, son of George B. Watson. The two Watsons, father and son, are in the oil business. The marriage took place October 12, 1906, in Marshall, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Watson have one son, Raymond.

DAVIS, Verling W., attorney-at-law, Robinson, Ill., is a young man who is possessed of a thorough knowledge of the law, an eloquence that enables him to voice this knowledge with telling force, and a personality which serves him well in the successful practice of his profession. Mr. Davis was born in Fairmount, Ind., October 4, 1877, a son of Foster and Dorinda (Rush) Davis, both natives of Fairmount. The Davis family is of Welsh extraction and the Rush of Scotch. The father served with distinction during the Civil War, in a regiment of Indiana Volunteer Infantry.

Mr. Davis received a good preliminary education at Fairmount Academy, later going to Stetson University at De Land, Fla., where he received his degree of LL. B. He studied law at the Indiana Law College, at Indianapolis, and after graduation, first located at Marion, Ind., and there began the practice of his profession. Later he came to Robinson, Ill., where he has since remained, and where he has won deserved success. In politics he is a Republican, but he has not been a seeker after political honors.

On June 30, 1904, Mr. Davis was married at Marion, Ind., to Miss Alta L. Nickle, of Warren, Pa. Two children have been born to them,—Verling Nickle, born November 11, 1905, and Mildred, born December 18, 1906. One of the highest types of character is displayed by the legal mind. He who can carefully weigh evidence and judge accordingly, especially among neighbors and friends, is a valuable addition to any community, and it is a characteristic which appeals eventually to the people. Mr. Davis, because of that power, has become an important factor in civic affairs, and is much interested in Robinson and its future. He and his wife are popular socially and their friends are almost without number.

DEAN, George Marion.—The production of oil is dividing the attention of Illinois farmers who hitherto have been content with their agricultural occupations. Since the discovery of oil in Crawford County, the industrial and commercial aspect has changed considerably, and among those who have been fortunate enough to discover oil on their lands is George Marion Dean, of Robinson Township, who was born one and a quarter miles east of New Hebron, Crawford County, February 9, 1869. After attending the New Hebron school in his boyhood and youth, he

commenced farming on his own account upon a farm belonging to his father, John Powell Dean, consisting of 260 acres. He now owns a fine farm of 100 acres, well developed and improved with a house and barn. He has one oil well upon his property, and is intending to drill for more. He also owns an interest in a 240 acre farm in Cross County, Ark.

George Marion Dean is a son of John Powell Dean and his wife Sabrina Ann (Parker) Dean. The former was born June 19, 1838, and died March 16, 1899, while his wife was born in Crawford County, January 29, 1841, and died December 2, 1905. Both passed away in the home now owned by their son S. A. Dean. John Powell Dean enlisted in April, 1861, in General Grant's old regiment, Twenty-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served three years, being mustered out in Georgia, in 1864. He was wounded in the left hand at the battle of Stone River. His record as a soldier is one of which his children may well feel proud, for he was brave and faithful.

February 9, 1890, George Marion Dean was married at the residence of Rev. Jesse Jackson, near New Hebron, to Malissa Miller, a daughter of Ezra and Lydia Miller. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Dean are: Bertha May, who married Reuben Helvie, an oil contractor, and they live in Robinson and have one child; Dorothy, Charles, Dewey and Roy. Mrs. Dean died September 30, 1903 and is buried in Kirk Cemetery, Robinson Township. She was a member of the Christian Church, and lived out in her life the faith that animated her. A devoted wife and mother, her loss is severely felt by her family, while her neighbors miss the kind-hearted, generous friend she always was to them. Mr. Dean is a Democrat and fraternally is a member of the Modern Woodmen.

DEAN, Samuel Albert.—From very small beginnings great endings often come, and in no field is this more true than in that occupied by the farmer. Many of the most prosperous Illinois farmers began their business life with practically nothing but a pair of strong hands and an active brain. To-day they are numbered among the substantial men of their community, and their families are living in comfort on the profits from their labors. Samuel Albert Dean is one of these self-made men, born January 22, 1868, one and a quarter miles east of New Hebron, Crawford County, and there he went to the Hebron school and later to the Wilson district school. He commenced planting corn with a little mule and a single shovel plow when only nine years of age, and continued to work on the farm until 1901 when he began railroading as a locomotive fireman on the Illinois Central Railroad from Palestine to Effingham. He was also on the Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf Railroad, working out of South McAlester, I. T. He continued in this line until 1906 when he returned to the home farm of 100 acres, and is now residing on it.

On June 24, 1900, Mr. Dean was married to Ethel Mitchell, born June 26, 1880, the ceremony being performed by Justice C. M. Sheddan at the home of W. E. Mitchell. Mr. and Mrs. Dean have three children: Marie Emma, born December 3, 1902; Harry, born November 27, 1904, and Nellie Ruth, born August 24, 1907.

Mr. Dean is a Democrat, and he belongs to the Masonic order. He owns 100 acres of the homestead, and has a pleasant home. He also owns two lots and one house in Robinson, and a half interest in 240 acres of land with his brother in Cross County, Ark. The home property has one producing oil well and a big gas well. It is a valuable property and well kept up by Mr. Dean.

The father of Samuel Albert Dean was John Powell Dean, who married Sabrina Ann Parker, a daughter of Samuel Parker, who was born in Crawford County, January 29, 1841, and died December 2, 1905, on the home farm. The family of John Powell Dean was as follows: Samuel Albert; George Marion, born February 9, 1869; an infant son who died August 4, 1870; Laura Emeline, born September 20, 1871, and who married J. C. Furman, a farmer of Robinson Township; and an infant daughter who died June 1, 1874.

W. E. Mitchell, the father of Mrs. Dean, was born in Lawrence County, Ind., while his wife, Martha Dispenett, was born in Licking County, Ohio. They had the following children: Mary Irene, born February 22, 1863; twins, William Henry and Margaret Phoebe, born June 10, 1865; John A., born June 20, 1867; Jacob E., born October 14, 1869; Joseph Andrew, born in 1871; Martha Jane, born in 1873; Charles E., born September 30, 1876; Merritt Mahlon, born December 16, 1878, and Ethel, wife of Mr. Dean. By a former marriage with Maria Dispenett, Mr. Mitchell had one child, Isaac W., born October 28, 1857. Two of Mrs. Dean's brothers (William H., Joseph Andrew) are deceased, and also one of her sisters (Martha Jane). Mr. Mitchell learned the trade of bricklaying and making in 1852 and did the brickwork on many of the older houses in Robinson, including those of A. P. Woodworth, E. Callahan, A. H. Jones and S. D. Meserve. He has long been one of the foremost men of Robinson, a man with a wide outlook, successful in his business undertakings, and kind in heart and action. He is honored by his large circle of acquaintances and friends, and has done much towards advancing the development of his locality.

Mr. John Powell Dean has a fine record as a soldier. He enlisted in April, 1861, in General Grant's old regiment, the Twenty-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and after serving three years, was mustered out in 1864 in Georgia. Besides other engagements in which he participated was the battle of Stone River, where he was wounded in the left hand. He was a brave soldier and could look back with pleasure on the service he rendered his country. He was born June 19, 1838, and died March 16, 1899, while his wife died December 2, 1905, both passing away at the home of Samuel Albert Dean.

DEE, Harry F.—While the ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic are gradually thinning, a new order is springing up to keep green the memory of the veterans, and that is the one organized by their sons. Next to being an old soldier of the Civil War, it is the highest honor to be a son of one, and among those of Crawford County who enjoy this distinction is Harry F. Dee, a farmer and stock-raiser of Section 5, Oblong Township, and son of George T. Dee, an extended sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Harry F. Dee was born in Oblong Township, and was reared and educated in that township, where he was married May 28, 1899, to Miss Clyde Buck, a daughter of J. H. Buck of Oblong Township. Mrs. Dee was educated in Oblong Township and at Effingham College, and is a charming and cultivated lady.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee are the parents of the following children: Sarah Lois, born December 28, 1899; Aby, born October 17, 1902; John, born October 21, 1904, and an infant who died October 24, 1901. Mr. Dee has a portion of the old homestead which he devotes to general farming and stock-raising, and his success as a farmer and stockman is due to his industry thrift and thorough knowledge of his work. He is a member of the Sons of Veterans, and takes an active part in the work of that organization. In October, 1908, Mr. Dee moved, with his family, to the village of Oblong, which is now his home.

DEE, Orlando.—To be successful in any line of life wins commendation, but when a man achieves it by tilling the soil and making it fertile, he has accomplished much. Crawford County, Ill., has as fine a class of farmers as any locality in the Union, and among them may justly be mentioned Orlando Dee of Section 5, Oblong Township, who was born on his present farm, April 3, 1869, a son of George T. Dee, deceased, who was a farmer and old settler of Oblong Township. George T. Dee was born in Ohio, February 1, 1837, and was reared and educated in his native State. In 1860 he came to Crawford County with his father, Madison Dee, but the following year he enlisted in Company F, Fifth Illinois Cavalry, serving four years and one month. After this long and gallant service, he returned home in the latter part of 1865, and bought the present home of his son Orlando, consisting of 82 acres, all covered with timber. This he cleared and cultivated, at one time owned 229 acres and was very prosperous. George T. Dee was married in Oblong Township to Sarah McCrillis, a native of Crawford County. Their children were as follows: Rollie, an unnamed infant, Orlando, Pearl, Retta, and Harry, all born on the homestead. Here the father lived until his death, which occurred April 13, 1901, he being then sixty-four years old. He was a member of the G. A. R., and took an active part in its affairs. In politics he was a Republican and his religious home was with the Universalist Church. He was a good man, just, earnest, aiming to live each day to God and man, and when he died the neighborhood lost one of its most worthy citizens.

After receiving an excellent common school education, Orlando Dee worked with his father on the farm, and was married April 11, 1887, to Jennie Belle Brooks, who was born in Oblong Township. She is the adopted daughter of Elijah Brooks, her parents having died when she was a child. Mr. and Mrs. Dee have one son, Lester, born March 15, 1890.

Mr. Dee's homestead consists of 40 acres, on which he has made all the improvements, and has a very pleasant home and good barns and other buildings. Oil was discovered on his property in 1906, and he has three productive wells. In politics Mr. Dee is a Republican, is a man of enterprise and industry and is very much interested in local affairs. Mr. and Mrs. Dee are very hospitable, and their home is always open to their friends, as well as to the stranger who seeks entertainment.

DEES, Stanley.—Successful as a farmer and stock-raiser, although still a young man, prominent in township affairs and happy in his family. Stanley Dees is a good example of the farmer of to-day as he is found in Crawford County, Ill. He resides on his fine farm, on Section 21, Oblong Township, where he was born January 26, 1878, a son of Daniel G. Dees (now deceased), who was a farmer of Oblong, born in Calloway County, Ky., January 16, 1839. The father of Daniel G. Dees died when the son was about seven years old, his mother having died when he was about three weeks old. After the death of his father Daniel G. went from Kentucky to Adams County, Ill., with his brother. From there he went to Hancock County, in 1860, and about 1862 moved to Crawford County and secured land in Oblong Township, which he cleared and placed under cultivation. Later he bought 160 acres, to which he moved and which he cultivated. His marriage occurred in Oblong Township, to Amilda Hill, who bore him three children, two of whom are deceased, the one living being Ella. The first Mrs. Dees died in Oblong Township in 1874, and on December 28, 1876, he married Viola Caldwell, born in Licking County, Ohio. She was three years of age when she came to Crawford County, and there she was reared to young womanhood. Mrs. Dees was a daughter of Hugh Caldwell, a farmer and school teacher of Crawford County. Three children were born of this marriage, of whom Stanley Dees was the eldest. Of the other two, a son died in infancy, and Clyde R. is a farmer of Oblong Township. All were born on the homestead. Daniel G. Dees was a life-long Democrat. At one time he was a member of the Knights of Honor. His death occurred October 18, 1903, when he was sixty-four years old.

Stanley Dees was educated in his neighborhood school and spent one year in Austin College at Effingham, Ill. On February 27, 1900, he married Lillie Dennis, a daughter of Samuel Dennis,

who was one of the old settlers of Oblong Township. Mr. and Mrs. Dees have these children: Charles Leonard, Dorothy Lois and Henry Clare, all born on the homestead. In addition to the homestead of 100 acres, Mr. Dees owns a half-interest in 400 acres in Fayette County, and is a very successful young farmer and stock-man. In 1906 oil was discovered on his Crawford County land, and he now has twenty-four wells, all producing, and this has greatly enhanced the value of his property. He is a Democrat and a member of the Knights of Pythias.

DENNIS, John William.—When oil was discovered in Crawford County, Ill., there was a wonderful rise in the value of land in that vicinity. Experiments were made, wells were drilled, and the whole face of the county was changed. Many who had been engaged in general farming and stock-raising, found it more profitable to lease their land to oil producing companies; others conducted their own oil business, while still others continued their oil operations, but at the same time farmed.

Among those fortunate enough to develop oil on his property is John William Dennis of Robinson, Ill., who moved here in 1908, from his oil farm in the vicinity of Hardinsville, Ill. This valuable property of 160 acres contains 36 oil wells. Mr. Dennis also owns 150 acres of farm land in Robinson Township, 60 acres in Oblong Township, which have four wells, 166 acres in Greene County, Ind., and 80 acres in Richland County, Ill.

Mr. Dennis was born January 3, 1857, in Crawford County, Ill., a son of George and Catherine (Bowman) Dennis, both natives of Perry County, Ohio, the former born in December, 1830, and the latter April 3, 1833. The parents first resided for a time in their native county, after which they removed to Oblong Township, Crawford County, Ill., and still later to Martin Township, where the father died. The mother is now living in Elnora, Ind. The father spent his life as a farmer.

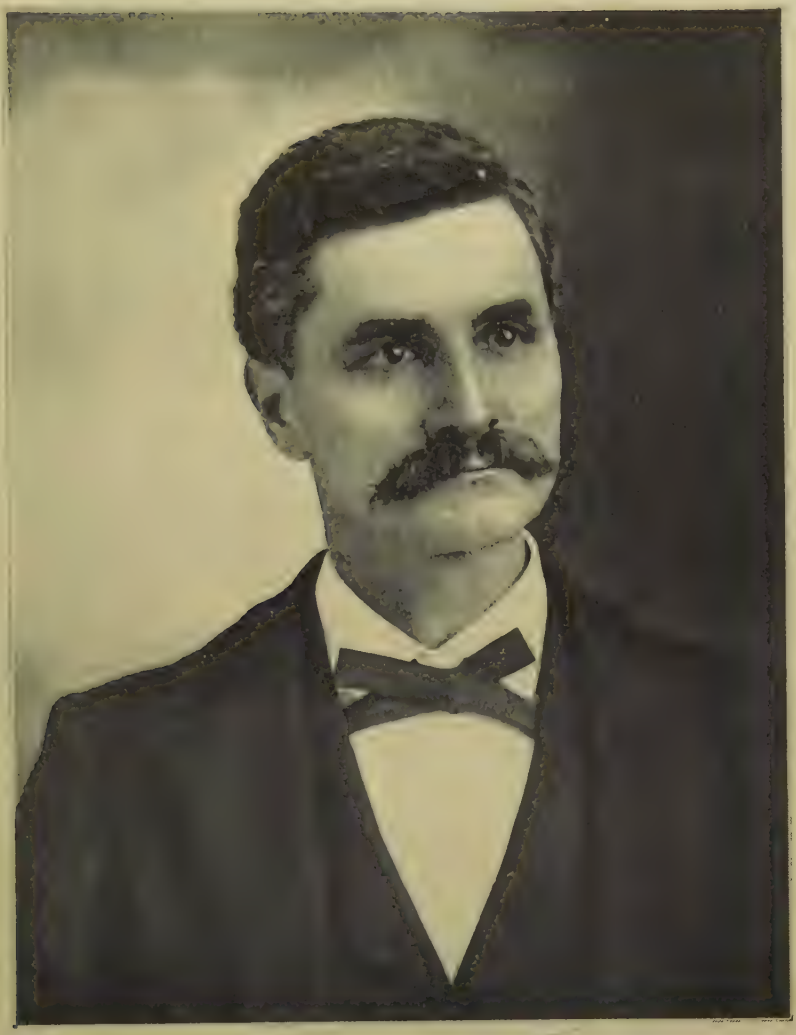
John William Dennis was married at New Hebron, Ill., in 1882, to Amanda Prier, born in Crawford County, Ill.. March 18, 1860. The children born of this marriage are: Cary Everett, Berlie LeRoy, Harry Raymon, Alta Amelia, Earl Greyson, Gladys Dale, Arthur Harold and William Edward. Mr. Dennis is a Democrat in politics. The family are members of the United Brethren Church, and are active in the same. During the winter of 1907 and 1908 the Dennis family made a trip through California, and upon their return, in April located in Robinson.

DICK, Alva Truman.—The farming interests of any community form a very important factor in the industrial activity and its influence upon outside territory. Illinois as a State is noted for its agricultural standing, and this prominence has been brought about through the industrious efforts of the men who own the broad acres of the many farms. Crawford County has a number of excellent farmers, and among them is Alva Dick, who owns 115 acres in Honey Creek Township.

The birth of Mr. Dick occurred in Howard County, Ind., March 21, 1870. He is a son of Morgan Maurice Dick, who was born August 8, 1834, in Virginia. In 1872 he came to Honey Creek Township, Crawford County, from Howard County, Ind., and bought a 120-acre farm. Later he added 140 acres to it, and there lived until his death, January 6, 1908. The maiden name of his wife was Hannah Minerva Buchanan, who was born in Ohio, September 13, 1835, and died January 24, 1895, in Honey Creek Township. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan M. Dick were the parents of the following children: Laura Alice, who died at six years of age; Arthur C., Viola V., Oliver O., Ida May, Minnie Myrtle, who died at twenty-six years of age, Alva T., and Mary Josephine.

Alva T. Dick received a good district school education, and at the same time working on the farm, and has always been a farmer. On May 5, 1894, he married, at Lawrenceville, Ill., Laura E. Tedford, a daughter of Scott and Mary Ann (Duncan) Tedford. Mrs. Tedford was a daughter of James Duncan and sister of A. W. Duncan, a druggist of Flat Rock. Mr. and Mrs. Dick have had children as follows: Harriet Louise, born October 20, 1895; Wilma Minerva, born June 23, 1900; Arthur Turner and Oliver Truman (twins), born August 29, 1904. In political faith Mr. Dick is a Democrat, and has served very acceptably as Township Collector. Fraternally he is a member of the order of Modern Woodmen, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mrs. Dick is a member of the Methodist Church, with which she has been connected for the past ten years. The pleasant home of the family is a substantial residence, and the premises show that a good manager is in charge. On his 115 acres Mr. Dick carries on general farming and devotes special attention to stock-raising. He is a breeder of standard bred trotting horses and, at the present time, has twenty-two head, the majority of them being registered or eligible to registration.

DICKINSON, William L.—Crawford County is the home of many men who are native sons, but their parents have come to Illinois from other States, filled with the determination to wrest a home and fortune from the new land. They bravely endured all the hardships incident to pioneer life, entered land, cleared it off with axe and plowed with a hand plow drawn by oxen. At first there would be but a few acres under cultivation, but as time progressed, more and more of the acreage would be brought under submission to the plow, and at last a comfortable homestead would result. All this was accomplished only through unceasing labor and many economic sacrifices, many of which were pitiable, but in the end industry conquered and Illinois, as it is to-day, is the outcome of many just such struggles. It is difficult to realize to-day the immensity of dangers which confronted the pioneers of the '30s.



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There were practically no roads in Crawford County in those days, churches and schoolhouses were very scarce, and wild game was still very plentiful. This last proved something of a blessing to many, for if it had not been for the fact that deer, prairie chicken and all kinds of birds could be trapped or shot, many of the pioneers would have gone hungry before there was time for crops to ripen. However, through it all these excellent people never lost faith in their religion or themselves, but worked and saved, and in their old age enjoyed comfort and plenty.

William L. Dickinson, of Section 10, Montgomery Township, Crawford County, a prosperous farmer, was born in Montgomery Township, January 30, 1862, a son of George W. and Rachel (Conrad) Dickinson, and great-grandson of George Dickenson, who was born in England. The latter at the age of thirteen years ran away from home and, boarding a British man-of-war, came to America where he fought under General Washington.

George W. Dickinson, the son of George and father of William L., was born February 7, 1829, in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, and until he came of age, worked for his board, education and clothes, but upon attaining his majority, began to labor to secure a competency and became a prosperous man in every respect, owing everything to his own efforts. (If William L. Dickinson is a "great-grandson of George Dickenson," who came from England, as stated in the preceding paragraph, there would seem to have been one representative of the family—viz.:—the grandfather of William L.—between the first George and George W. not mentioned in this connection.) When he first came to Crawford County in 1854, George W. worked for Governor A. C. French, then a resident of Palestine, for about two years. He then rented a farm and operated it until he purchased 160 acres in Licking Township, which was principally prairie land. On it he built a log house and lived alone until his marriage, January 28, 1857, to Rachel Conrad, daughter of Abraham and Rebecca (Willard) Conrad. His children were as follows: John W., who married Jemima Martin, daughter of Bethel Martin, a farmer, and they have one child—Dessie Olive; George J., who married Annie Fife, a daughter of William Fife, a farmer, they have these children—Maud, Lizzie, Mabel, Emma, Rebecca, George, William and Mary; Rebecca E., married Frank Seaney and they have one child—Myrtle; William L.; Jasper N., married Dorothy Ford, and they have two children—Beulah and Myrtle; and Charles A., who married Dessie D. Lackey, and they have three children—Jasper M., Frank E. and Macie. George W. Dickinson died August 13, 1908. His widow, who was born August 8, 1838, survives, and makes her home with her son, William L. Dickinson.

William L. Dickinson was sent to the district schools of Montgomery Township, and helped his father clear off the property. He remained with his father until his marriage, on April 19, 1893, to Nellie Cooper, a daughter of Jonathan Cooper. The latter was a farmer, but later moved to Robinson and took charge of the High School building, when overwork caused a breakdown. Mrs. Dickenson was born in Clark County, Ill., but later resided in Robinson. Mr. Dickenson is Deacon of Liberty Baptist Church, and was formerly its Treasurer and Sunday School Superintendent. When the new church was being erected, Mr. Dickinson was on the building committee and rendered the church very valuable help. He was also treasurer of the fund contributed to build the church, and he regards the work he did in this line among the best deeds of his well-spent life. Mr. Dickinson enjoys a wide-spread popularity, and is justly numbered among the most representative men of his township.

DRAPER, W. L. (deceased).—The pioneers in any line deserve much credit, for theirs has been the courage that forged ahead unresistingly, and prepared the way for a more advanced civilization. The names of men who founded the beginnings of places and houses in new sections are indelibly stamped upon the pages of history, and to tell of the deeds of these men is to relate the history of their localities. W. L. Draper's name is associated with the early hardware trade of Hutsonville, Crawford County, he having been one of the early merchants of that city, and his efforts to promote good government and to secure for his community the best there was to be had, made him a prominent character.

Mr. Draper was born in Crawford County, September 22, 1827, a son of Exum Draper. The latter was born in North Carolina in 1804, and was brought to Crawford County, Ill., in 1816 by his parents, who were among the county's earliest settlers. Upon the pioneer farm of his father, Exum Draper grew to sturdy young manhood and received a limited education in the subscription schools. He learned the trade of a carpenter, at which he worked for a number of years. In 1846 he removed to New Orleans, where his death occurred a year later. The maiden name of his wife was Mary Wells, who was a North Carolinian, born about 1806, and died while she and her husband were on their way to New Orleans on the Mississippi River. Mr. and Mrs. Exum Draper became the parents of four children, of whom William Draper was the eldest.

Like his father, he was reared on a farm and attended school in the primitive log schoolhouse, but was well grounded in the common branches, and all his life added to his store of information by close observation. In 1846 he went to New Orleans with his parents, and entered the employ of his brother-in-law in that city. In 1849, however, he returned to Hutsonville, and founded a mercantile house, continuing this business until 1865. In that year he sold his business and located in Terre Haute, Ind., and embarked in cotton speculation, thereby losing $40,000, and was forced into

bankruptcy. However, he was not a man to allow himself to be discouraged, so returning once more to Hutsonville, in 1868, he again embarked in the mercantile business, and carried on a general store for two years, then started a hardware store which he operated until 1883, when, disposing of it, he lived retired at Hutsonville during the rest of his life. Mr. Draper worked until he discharged every cent of his indebtedness incurred through his failure, and no man was more highly respected, or had a better financial rating than he when he retired from business life.

On January 22, 1850, Mr. Draper was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Foster, who bore him five children, three of whom survived to maturity: Beatrice, widow of Frank Boyd; Mattie, wife of Samuel Bennett; and Henry L. Mr. Draper was very active in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for a number of years, and was sent to represent his lodge at the Grand Lodge more than once. Politically he was a Democrat, although he never aspired to political honors.

After his retirement he and Mrs. Draper spent their winters in New Orleans and vicinity, and his death occurred at the home of his sister, Mrs. C. D. Armstrong, who resided fifteen miles south of New Orleans, January 2, 1893, his remains being brought to Hutsonville for interment. Mr. Draper will long be remembered as one of the most honorable and public-spirited men Hutsonville has ever known, and the good he accomplished and the high standard of living he steadfastly maintained cannot be overestimated.

DRY, Charles Lincoln.—Some men seem born to rise no matter what their surroundings may be nor how many discouragements may be theirs. They are able to overcome each and every obstacle manfully and courageously, and to feel that these hardships are but a part of a necessary development of the age. A man who has modestly and unobtrusively wielded a strong personal influence towards effecting what he believes is best for his community; who has earnestly fulfilled every obligation laid upon him, and from childhood tried to take advantage of every opportunity offered him to improve himself and develop the faculties which he possessed, is Charles Lincoln Dry, educator and farmer of Hutsonville Township, Crawford County.

Mr. Dry was born in Limerick Square, Montgomery County, Pa., February 6, 1868. When about a year old his parents, Daniel and Hannah (Henry) Dry, moved to Illinois, and after nearly a year's residence in Hutsonville, they moved to the farm in Hutsonville Township where Charles was reared to young manhood. His life until he was eighteen years of age was that of any ordinary, healthy country boy. He commenced attending school at the age of seven, and after reaching ten years spent about six months of each year in school, the remaining six months being devoted to helping his father on the farm. Until he became old enough to handle the real articles, his boyish fingers manufactured playthings from wood in imitation and he believes these rude toys afforded him much more pleasure than those of costly make now given to children. Of course he had all the childish ailments, as well as the chills and fever incident to the Wabash Valley district, but emerged strong and hardy from them all, and was able to take a course of twenty months in the Northern Indiana Normal School. His father had promised him a year's instruction when he attained his majority, but through the advice of his teacher, F. M. Shaw, Mr. Dry decided to fit himself for the occupation of teaching. Going to Valparaiso, Ind., he entered upon his course and by hard work and steady application, he obtained the teacher's first grade certificate from County Superintendent F. M. Shaw, and in September, 1887, began teaching at twenty-five dollars per month for a five months' term. Out of these scanty earnings he paid back to his father the money he had borrowed, and the following year taught another five months' term at the same school at thirty dollars a month.

During 1889 and 1890, he again attended the Northern Indiana Normal School, taking up the scientific and classic courses, but his studies being interrupted by a severe attack of the grip, which left one of his eyes in bad condition, he was forced to abandon his original plan, and entered the penmanship and commercial courses, and was graduated from the latter department in May, 1890, and the former in July of the same year. Returning home he continued teaching in the public schools. During the spring of 1894 he did advanced work at the Central Normal College at Danville, Ind., and so satisfactory was his work, that he was appointed Principal of the penmanship and commercial departments of the Union Christian College at Merom, Ind., and remained there five years. While teaching there, he completed the scientific course and the major part of the classical course. In 1898 he was nominated by the Republican party for Superintendent of Public Schools for Crawford County, but was defeated by the incumbent of the office, M. N. Beeman, by a small majority. During the summmer of 1899, he was elected Principal of the Penmanship and Commercial Departments of the Ozark College, at Greenfield, Mo., and in the fall of 1902 he took charge of the Penmanship and Commercial Departments of the Lebanon (Pa.) Business College.

In 1903 he took up the study of medicine at the Hering Medical College, Chicago, and in January, 1904, matriculated in the Hahnemann Medical College, that city, at which institution he completed the first three years of the course, but on account of grief over the death of his son Earl, in March, 1905, and other family matters, he decided to give up his medical studies and return to teaching and farming. During his experience as a teacher he has instructed fully 1,000 pupils, and has always won their friendship as well as their confidence and respect.

With the assistance of their father, he and his brothers Irvin and Edwin bought a farm of 160 acres near the homestead, and, in a few years, Irvin sold his interest to the other two. In 1904 Mr. Dry also sold his interest, and in the spring of 1905, bought a farm of 120 acres from the estate of his deceased brothers, Christian and John. It took no little amount of sacrifice and economy to enable Mr. Dry to meet the interest and payments on his farm and defray the expenses of his education, and yet he managed to do it, and to take pleasure in the experience. He believes in hard work, plenty of it, and in working towards some objective point.

While he has never become a politician, Mr. Dry is a firm supporter of Republican principles, and was an earnest believer in Mr. Taft. In conjunction with a number of his neighbors he has been instrumental in forming a sanitary district of about 6000 acres of waste and overcultivated and poorly drained land in the eastern part of Crawford County, east and northeast of Palestine. While not a member of any church, he believes in encouraging their work and in living in perfect fellowship with his neighbors, and giving them the benefit of his advice and counsel.

On August 24, 1898, Mr. Dry was married near Adaville, Plymouth County, Iowa. to Isabella Alice Taylor, a teacher of Plymouth County for a number of years and a lady of many accomplishments. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Dry: Ruth, born December 16, 1900; Earl, born June 28, 1902, died March 8, 1905; Edna, born January 12, 1904; Hannah, born May 28, 1905; and Leonard, born May 8, 1907.

Mrs. Dry was born December 12, 1870, near Liberty Ridge, Grant County, Wis., a daughter of Robert and Margaret (Irvin) Taylor, both born in Ballybay, County Monaghan, Ireland;—he in August, 1832, and she in 1850. He came to America in 1849, and she in 1868. Mrs. Taylor is still living and resides in Iowa. They had three sons and four daughters, reared and educated in Grant County, Wis., and Plymouth County, Iowa.

Until she was twelve years old Mrs. Dry lived at Liberty, and attended the country schools, but at that time was taken by her parents to Georgetown, Grant County, Wis., where they remained for two years, and then, in 1885, the family went to Merrill, Iowa, where Mrs. Dry lived until 1888. She then entered the Le Mars Normal School, remaining two years. Her next place of residence was at Valparaiso, Ind., where she attended the Northern Indiana Normal School for a year. She then went to Chicago and remained there until 1896, when she returned to Plymouth County, Iowa, and was there engaged in teaching for two years, when she was married. Mrs. Dry has had a very useful and happy life, marred first by the death of her beloved father, who was killed accidentally in 1902, and later by the death of her son, Earl. When her father died, Mrs. Dry went to her girlhood home and made a visit of three months, consoling her widowed mother. During her married life she has entered heartily into her husband's interests, and been very proud of him. She has never complained of hardships but has assisted him nobly and cheerfully. Her parents were Presbyterians, and Mrs. Dry was reared in the faith of that denomination. Mr. and Mrs. Dry have made many friends wherever their duties have called them, and they are remembered with kindly interest by those with whom they came in contact. They are rearing their children very carefully, giving them every advantage within their power, and at the same time are exerting a helpful influence in their community.

DRY, Daniel Guldin.—Some farmers are content to cultivate their land according to the methods in vogue when their fathers first commenced farming, but there are others who appreciate the vaue of scientific rules and regulations and who carry on their agricultural operations in accordance with the latest discoveries relative to soil, climatic conditions and the merits of various seeds. Among those of Crawford County who have made a name for themselves in the rank of progressive and thoroughly modern farmers of La Motte Prairie, is Daniel Guldin Dry. Mr. Dry was born in Broomfieldville, Amity Township. Berks County, Pa., June 15, 1840. The parents of Mr. Dry were both Germans, who came at an early day to Pennsylvania. After receiving a limited education in the district schools, when only fifteen years old, he was apprenticed to a miller, and for three years was employed in learning the trade. He next acted as clerk in a general store for nine years, when he received appointment as postmaster of Broomfieldville, during President Lincoln's second term. Later he worked as a farm laborer, and always displayed a conscientious care in all he did. Realizing that there was very little opportunity for a poor man to advance in Pennsylvania, Mr. Dry emigrated to the West, arriving at Hutsonville, Ill., April 14, 1869, having come from Terre Haute by boat to Crawford County. He first occupied the E. Callahan property on the hill in the west part of the town, and worked for the adjoining farmers by the day and month. In a few years he had saved sufficient means to purchase 60 acres on La Motte Prairie, where he now resides. As he was able he added to his possessions until he now owns 119 acres of finely improved farm land. He has always been an advocate of rotation of crops, and his example in scientific farming has been followed with excellent results by many of his neighbors. In 1898 he retired from active farm life, his sons continuing the farming operations.

In 1861 Mr. Dry married Miss Hannah S. Henry, of Hoppenville, Montgomery County, Pa., born June 18, 1841. Her parents were Germans, and Mrs. Dry was well educated in both English and German. She was one of the most kind-hearted and generous of women, and was not only beloved by her family, but by the entire neighborhood. Never was there trouble or sickness in her vicinity but she was on hand with words of sympathy and deeds of kindness, and she was

welcome everywhere, and when she died February 8, 1903, her loss was mourned by the entire township. Mr. and Mrs. Dry became the parents of the following children: Catherine, Esther, William and DeWitt Clinton died in infancy or early childhood; Irvin Grant, now a bridge carpenter (Palestine, Ill.); Charles Lincoln, educator and farmer (La Motte, near Palestine); Edwin Sheridan, Christian Howard, and John Jacob grew to maturity, and all were well educated. They were all musicians and organized what was known locally as the Dry Brothers Orchestra, and they furnished music at the various social gatherings of the neighborhood and at some of the public meetings. Christian H. and John J. Dry were very enthusiastic over the organization, and devoted much of their time and energy to perfecting themselves. Death claimed them both, however, the former on August 20, 1904, and the latter July 31, 1904, and their untimely demise filled the community with gloom.

Mr. Dry has been a great reader not only of newspapers and farm magazines, but also of standard books, and has a fine library numbering fully 500 volumes on scientific and historical subjects. He was always interested in the work of Mr. Ingersoll, believing that he did much to awaken the indifference prevailing in the world upon religious opinion. He believes that any principle that cannot withstand the attacks of higher criticism is not worth upholding. Ever since the formation of the Republican party he has been a stanch supporter of its candidates and principles, and feels that it more nearly conforms to his own views. Accustomed to think out problems for himself, well-read, a man of more than ordinary ability, Mr. Dry has been a very important factor in shaping the views and molding the opinions of his community, and the fact that he is looked up to and his advice is asked upon many occasions is but natural.

DRY, Edwin Sheridan.—The teachers of Crawford County are a well educated class of men and women, who have devoted their lives to fitting themselves for their profession, and have never relaxed their efforts to increase their store of knowledge or to keep their ideas abreast of the new methods and discoveries in pedagogy. Among them, Edwin Sheridan Dry, of La Motte Township, is one of the foremost, and is especially well fitted for his position as teacher of the Cauliflower District School, having supplemented his common school course with one at Valparaiso (Ind.) University and later one at the Central Normal College at Danville, Ind., from which he was graduated with honor in the Class of 1895. He has been a teacher since 1889, and is one of the most popular instructors of his locality. Mr. Dry was born at Hutsonville, Ill., June 15, 1869, a son of Daniel G. and Hannah S. (Henry) Dry, the former of whom was born June 15, 1840, in Montgomery County, Pa., while the mother was born in Berks County, same state. The father and son have the same birthday.

In 1892 Mr. Edwin Sheridan Dry bought his fine farm of 160 acres which he has in a high state of cultivation. His house, which is a very substantial and comfortable structure, was erected by him, as were his commodious barns and other outbuildings. Mr. Dry has one of the most delightful homes in his township, which is a center of charming hospitality, he and his wife being model hosts.

On April 18, 1897, Mr. Dry married Fannie Rains, twin sister of Nannie Rains (still unmarried), and daughter of Simpson and Nancy Jane Rains, both natives of North Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Dry have these children: Hazel Morine, born August 27, 1898; MacOwen, born December 15, 1901; Harriet Arline, born November 7, 1904; and Marie Hoy, born December 21, 1906. Mrs. Dry is a member of the Universalist Church, with which she has been connected for twelve years. In politics Mr. Dry is a Republican, and he takes an appropriate interest in local affairs, although not an office seeker. The family occupies an enviable position socially, and they have many friends throughout the neighborhood.

DUNCAN, Andrew Wilson.—The better class of druggists everywhere are men of scientific attainments and high integrity, who devote their lives to the welfare of their fellow-men in supplying the best of remedies and purest medicinal agents of known value, in accordance with physicians' prescriptions and well known scientific formulas. Druggists of the better class compound many excellent remedies, but always under original or official names, and they never sell false brands or imitation medicines. They are the men to deal with when in need of anything in their line, which usually includes all standard remedies and corresponding adjuncts of a first-class pharmacy, and the finest and best of toilet articles and preparations and many useful accessories and remedial appliances. The earning of a fair living with the satisfaction which arises from a knowledge of the benfits conferred upon their patrons and the assistance they are able to render the medical profession, is usually their greatest reward for long years of study and practice and many hours of daily toil.

One of the oldest established druggists of Crawford County is Andrew Wilson Duncan of Flat Rock, Ill., who established his present drug business at Flat Rock in 1878, thirty years ago. Mr. Duncan was born in Blount County, Tenn., March 9, 1842, a son of James Kennedy and Sarah (Swansey) Duncan. The father was born in Ohio and was a farmer and blacksmith. The family lived for some years in Blount County, Tenn., where Andrew Wilson Duncan began his studies in the common schools, but in 1859 removal was made to Illinois, and Mr. Duncan continued in the high schools of Palestine. His youth was passed upon a farm, but when he secured his certificate, he taught school for some time, and at the same time pursued his own studies. Later he established a general mercantile business at Morea, but in 1878 located in Flat Rock which has since been his home. In 1862, on August 12th, Mr. Duncan enlisted in Com-

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pany E, Ninety-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was honorably discharged at Gallatin, Tenn., February 4, 1863, because of disability. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, is a Republican in politics, and for twenty years has been a member of the New Church (Swedenborgian).

October 4, 1864, Mr. Duncan was married at the residence of the father of the bride in Montgomery Township, to Miss Sarah Tedford, a daughter of Robert A. and Rebecca (McClurg) Tedford, and the children born of this marriage are: Alice, born August 12, 1865, and married Dr. W. C. Hayhurst, has a daughter Welcome Z., and lives at Birds; Camilla, born Mach 12, 1871, married R. E. Young, a conductor on the Vandalia line and they live at Terre Haute, Ind., having one son, John, thirteen years old. Mr. and Mrs. Duncan had one child, Oswald, who is deceased.

Few men have taken a more active interest in public affairs than Mr. Duncan, who has been prominently identified with all the public enterprises which have been successfully carried out during the thirty years he has made Flat Rock his home, and he is truthfully regarded as one of the public-spirited and representative men of his township.

DUNLAP, Richard Francis.—To be born on property long in the family and to own the homestead that has descended from father to son, has long been regarded as a very desirable thing, and Crawford County farmers are of this opinion. Among those who are fortunate in this respect, is Richard Francis Dunlap, a farmer and stockgrower on Section 8, Honey Creek Township, where he was born February 19, 1862, a son of Thomas and Polly Dunlap, the former deceased. Thomas Dunlap was born in Crawford County, December 12, 1829, a son of William Dunlap, a pioneer of the County, who came from his native State of Kentucky, where he married Polly Ellison, also a native of Kentucky. They became the parents of nine children, three of whom were born in Kentucky before the family exodus to Crawford County. Coming here at an early date, they settled in Honey Creek Township, and entered 160 acres of timber land. On this William Dunlap built a log house, and clearing off the timber, developed a fine farm, where his death occurred in March, 1865. He was a Democrat.

Thomas Dunlap was educated in the primitive log school houses of the neighborhood, and early learned all the details of pioneer farming. In December, 1848, he was married to Polly Fitts, who was born August 15, 1820, near Palestine, Crawford County. She was a daughter of Jefferson Richard Fitts, a pioneer of the County, who entered 40 acres of land from the Government. Later he entered 40 acres more, and cleared off his property and improved it. He married in Crawford County Polly Reedy, who came from one of the Eastern States. Jefferson Fitts and wife became the parents of six children, two of whom died in infancy, all being born in the neighborhood of Palestine. Mrs. Dunlap attended the early schools, and learned from her mother the duties of a good housewife. After their marriage Thomas Dunlap and wife bought 40 acres in Honey Creek Township, and cleared off the greater part of it. He sold this and bought another farm of 80 acres, and cleared a part of this. Once more he sold, and then bought 130 acres on Section 8, this, too being pretty generally covered with timber. As soon as he located on it he went to work with characteristic energy and cleared it. He had the following family: Presley, John A. (deceased), William, Polly Ann, Hannah Jane, and Richard F., all born in Honey Creek Township. In 1861 Thomas Dunlap enlisted and served for three months, when he died of the measles which were epidemic at that time. He was a Democrat and a hard working, reliable man, who enjoyed the confidence and esteem of his neighborhood.

Richard Francis Dunlap was educated in the log school-house of his neighborhood, and learned to farm. At his father's death, he inherited 53 acres of the old homestead where he has since lived. He has made his improvements and has a very comfortable house, barn and good fences, and his premises are kept in good order. Politically he is a Democrat. On December 24, 1895, Mr. Dunlap married Mary Gaines, who was born in Russelville, Lawrence County, Ill., where she was reared and educated. Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap have the following children: Clista, Rutha, Cecil, Tina, Frank, Emma and William J., all born on the present farm.

DYE, William Harrison.—This is the day of large enterprises, of extensive investments and calls for executive ability of a high order. Captains of industry were never before so much in demand as now when all that is best in a man's makeup is called into action to meet and conquer competition and to satisfy the growing demand for the best in every line at lowest prices. William Harrison Dye, for many years closely identified with the oil interests of Indiana, has been largely instrumental in creating the present flourishing conditions in natural gas lines in Illinois, although he has been a resident of Illinois only since December, 1907, settling then at Robinson, Crawford County. Mr. Dye was born at Bartholomew County, Ind., June 3, 1858, a son of William Henry and Lucetta (Gilpin) Dye, natives of Ohio and Kentucky, respectively. The father died in 1873, aged forty-seven years, while his widow still survives him at the present date, and at the advanced age of eighty-four years is residing in Philadelphia, Hancock County, Ind.

A physician by profession, and a farmer by vocation, William Henry Dye owned a farm and drug-store, and his son William Harrison Dye alternated between these two lines of business at the same time attending school, first in the farming district and later in the high school at Greenfield, Ind. Until his father's death he was in the drug-store at Philadelphia, Ind., but after that returned to the 300-acre farm. Mr.

Dye was one of the first promoters of natural gas in Indiana, discovering it in 1888 in Hancock and Hamilton Counties, Ind., and he was one among the first to supply natural gas to Indianapolis. In 1894 he bought leases in wells in Blackford and Adams Counties, Ind., and was the successful producer of large quantities of oil and gas. Coming to Robinson, Ill., in December, 1907, he organized what is known as the Robinson Gas and Oil Company, an organization with large capital to back it, and very extensive facilities for handling all demands. The company owns and operates at the present time six miles of gas lines, and has the contract for supplying many boilers in Robinson, besides private citizens. This company will add six more miles of line in the fall of 1908, which will give them twelve miles in all.

On January 2, 1894, Mr. Dye married at Chicago, Ill., Mrs. Anna L. Green, daughter of Elizabeth Wishard, of Hendricks County, Ind.—no issue. The Green family is one of the old pioneer families of Indiana. Although a Methodist for many years, Mr. Dye is now a Presbyterian, but retains a warm affection for the church of his youth. In politics he is a Democrat, believing in the principles promulgated by Andrew Jackson. Although too busy a man to engage in politics, his influence is wide-spread and is exerted towards the betterment and development of any community with which he is connected. A man of large undertakings, keen, shrewd, possessed of masterful executive force, and thoroughly understanding every detail of extensive interests which he represents. Mr. Dye is steadily becoming a power in this State as in Indiana, and the success of his venture has been assured from the start.

EAGLETON, John Cornelius.—Serving the people in various positions of trust, Judge John Cornelius Eagleton has established a record which is recognized and admired by his associates. His administration of office has distinguished him as a man of far more than ordinary ability and attracted the attention of legal circles. As an attorney he is vigorous, but at all times just; as a Judge he was calm, judicial, yet decided, and no one can say of him that he was ever influenced by a prejudice, or point to a single instance where personal favor was shown.

Judge Eagleton's father, James M. Eagleton, was born in Crawford County, Ill., in February, 1832. The grandfather, James Eagleton, came from Tennessee to Crawford County at an early day and settled in Montgomery Township, but later moved to Honey Creek Township, where he owned a farm and where he died about 1875, aged eighty-two years, his wife having died a few years earlier. The father, James M. Eagleton, was a farmer in Robinson Township, from which place he moved to Missouri and later to Arkansas, where he remained about two years, then coming to Moultrie County, Ill., after which he located in the city of Robinson (then a village), which has since been his home. The mother was born in Wilkes County, N. C., in February, 1835, and while still a young girl went alone to live at Greenupsburg, Ky., afterward coming to Crawford County, Ill., where she met and married James M. Eagleton. As already stated, she is still living. Mr. and Mrs. James M. Eagleton have had the following children: George D., of Robinson, Ill.; John C., subject of this sketch; and three others who died in infancy.

John C. Eagleton was born in Robinson, Ill., April 10, 1866, a son of James M. and Nancy A. (Baugess) Eagleton, both of whom are still living and in good health, although considerably past the three-score and ten milestone. The son was graduated from the Robinson High School in 1885, and learned the trade of a stone-cutter, but not being satisfied with his vocation, began the study of law, being admitted to the bar in 1889. While studying law in 1889 he was elected City Clerk, three times was elected City Attorney, and, in 1905, was elected Mayor of Robinson. In 1894 he was elected to the office of County Judge, which he filled with distinction until 1898, after which he formed a partnership with E. S. Baker, the present Postmaster of Robinson, under the style of Eagleton & Baker, which was later changed to Eagleton & Wesner. Judge Eagleton is now acting attorney for the Illinois Pure Food Commission. In politics Judge Eagleton is a Republican, and has taken a very active part in party matters, not only locally, but throughout the State. In religious views, he is a member of the Christian Church, and fraternally is a member of the Masonic Order, the Woodmen of America and the Knights of Pythias.

On April 6, 1892, Judge Eagleton was married to Miss Lola M. Ritchie, who is an earnest Christian woman, born in Lawrence County, Ill., August 4, 1869. Judge and Mrs. Eagleton have three children: Frank Ritchie, born in 1893; Mary, born in 1895, and Robley Neal, born in 1898.

Judge Eagleton's entire career as a public official is above reproach, and he has been eminently fair with all with whom he had to deal, and the fact that there was not the slightest blotch on his record, is something of which he may well be proud. As an attorney, Judge Eagleton has a knowledge of all branches of law which is intimate and far-reaching.

EAGLETON, William McPherson.—Wherever there are members of the Society of Friends, there is certain to be a certain measure of peaceful contentment and quiet prosperity. The Quakers are the most retiring of people, and yet by their upright example they have an effect upon the community that is felt and generally recognized. Always hardworking and thrifty, they never call in the assistance of the law, their spoken word is as good as the signature of others, and they live in peace with each other and the world which surrounds them, but of which they are not a part. William McPherson Eagleton of Robinson Township, Crawford County, is this kind of a man, and, like others of his faith, he is highly respected by all who know him. He was born

in Robinson Township, February 16. 1867, a son of William Anderson and Rebecca (Mann) Eagleton. William Anderson Eagleton was born on a farm near Terre Haute, Ind., October 22, 1822, but at an early date came to Palestine, where he learned the trade of a tanner and then moved to a farm in Honey Creek Township, where he died March 21, 1907, at the age of eighty-four years. His wife died August 18, 1873, in Honey Creek Township. The grandfather on the maternal side, John Mann, came from Ohio, settling in Martin Township at an early date.

William Eagleton went to the district school in Honey Creek Township. There he married on September 11, 1890—Justice Lilly performing the ceremony—Bertha Connett, daughter of Aaron and Fannie (Houston) Connett, natives of Ohio and Indiana, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Connett came from Indiana to Robinson Township, Crawford County, but later returned to Indiana where Mrs. Connett died. Following this Mr. Connett returned to Illinois, locating in Honey Creek Township, but later went to Carrier Mills, Saline County, Ill., where he now lives. He served three years in an Indiana regiment during the Civil War. The following children have been born to William M. Eagleton and wife: Mamie June, born May 11, 1891. married Ausby Cleve Montgomery, a farmer of Honey Creek Township, and they have no issue; Cora Glenn, born March 28, 1895; Clara Rebecca, born November 5, 1897; Esther Pearl, born November 10, 1900, and Clem Connett, born September 17, 1903. William Eagleton and his wife united themselves with the Society of Friends ten years ago. In politics he is a Republican.

In the spring of 1888 William M. Eagleton. with his father, bought 42 acres of land where the former and his family now reside. Later, W. M. Eagleton bought enough land to enlarge his farm to 128 acres, which is the present extent of his real estate holdings. The land is good and the family have a comfortable residence, where a hearty hospitality is dispensed to friends and strangers alike.

EATON, Marion D.—The history of the oil fields almost anywhere is much the same. In each instance there is the increase in values, the partial turning over of properties to companies which develop the wells, and which draw out of the earth the riches which have accumulated beneath its surface for eons of time. Crawford County, Ill., has experienced just such a boom, and many of its citizens who were farmers and stock-raisers have retired from their land to adjoining cities and towns, or are still carrying on some of their agricultural pursuits in the midst of other activity.

Marion D. Eaton of Robinson Township is particularly fortunate in that he has fourteen producing wells, four in Oblong Township and ten in Robinson Township. He was born in Robinson Township, July 29, 1857, a son of James H. and Celia Eliza (Downey) Eaton, the former of whom was born in Hutsonville Township, July 17, 1827, and the latter in Ohio, October 17, 1833. These aged parents are living with Mr. Eaton, and are in excellent health, the father at eighty-one, and the mother at seventy-five years of age.

Reared on a farm and educated in the district schools of the neighborhood, Mr. Eaton has lived the life of the ordinary farmer, but has succeeded better than the majority, as he owns 320 acres in Robinson Township and 80 acres in Oblong Township. He is an excellent business man and good farmer, and has known how to make, save and invest money. A Republican in politics, he has been honored with the offices of Highway Commissioner for seventeen years, and is recognized as an excellent official.

On October 12, 1880, in Oblong Township, Mr. Eaton was married to Elizabeth A. Henry, a daughter of John Henry, her parents being residents of Oblong, Township up to the time of their death. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Eaton were: Earl W., born February 13, 1882, married Helen Walter, and they have one child, —Mary Elizabeth, born August 5, 1906; Clara Edith, born July 23, 1884, married Ray Henry, and they have one child,—Mary Catharine, born August 7, 1907; Hattie June, born July 26, 1892, and is unmarried, living at home.

EATON, William.—A veteran of the Civil War, honored by his political party by appointment to the office of Postmaster of Hutsonville, Crawford County, Ill., and a man pre-eminently public-spirited and enterprising, giving his hearty endorsement to all that pertains to the general welfare William Eaton is a man universally respected. He was born in Sullivan County, Ind., February 27, 1838, a son of Charles and Sarah (Hunt) Eaton. the former born in Fleming County, Ky., in 1799, and died October 1, 1869, and the latter a daughter of Mesha Hunt, also born in Kentucky. Her death occurred on the home farm, two miles west of Sullivan, in December, 1865.

William Eaton, after attending the district schools of his native place, taught school three terms, and then began reading medicine in the office of Dr. Hinkle of Sullivan, thus continuing for two years. He then entered Rush Medical College, Chicago, from which he was graduated with honors in February, 1861. Prior to this, in April, 1861, Dr. Eaton had been one of the first to respond to the call for troops, and enlisted in Company I, Captain John Masten commanding, Seventeenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry. constituting a part of the celebrated Wilder's Brigade. Among other battles and engagements, Dr. Eaton participated in the following: Green Brier, W. Va., on the Little Tygart River where General Lee and his staff came near being captured, and where Captain Washington, a relative of President Washington, was killed, (the party being surprised while they were riding leisurely along. and the body of Capt. Washington being secured under a flag of truce); the battles of Pittsburg Landing and Chickamauga;

the Thirty Day Siege at Kenesaw Mountain; the three weeks' Siege of Atlanta; and the battles at Pulaski, Tenn., and Selma, Ala. Having served faithfully for four years and four months, and being absent from duty only thirteen days while in the hospital at Chattanooga, he was finally mustered out at Macon, Ga., in August, 1865, and honorably discharged at Indianapolis. Then resuming his studies, he was graduated and soon after entered upon a practice which has been continued for thirty-seven years and in which he has established a reputation as one of the most highly regarded medical men of Crawford County.

On May 7, 1867, Dr. Eaton was married to Miss Eliza Griffith, of Hutsonville, who was born in July, 1841, and died May 20, 1885. She was the daughter of Major William C. Griffith, a stone-mason who constructed a large part of the National Road through Indiana and Illinois. On July 31, 1890, Dr. Eaton married Miss Mattie Clark, of Chattanooga, Tenn., who was born in Virginia. Dr. Eaton's oldest children are dead. Georgie was born February 26, 1868, married Frank Adams of Hutsonville, and is deceased; Fannie married James A. Wright, had two children, is also deceased; Charles, born August 21, 1876; Bess, born May 30, 1881, and Nellie, born March 27, 1885.

Dr. Eaton is a strong Republican, and has taken an active part in local affairs. He has long been a member of the Aesculapian and Medical Societies. His church relations have been with the Methodist Church, with which he has been connected since early manhood, and he is now one of its Trustees, and was at one time Superintendent of the Sunday School. Dr. Eaton faced the foe with a quiet, dauntless courage and a serene fortitude of soul, just as he has done the various troubles of after life, and possessing as he does such high standards of morality and such a true conception of Christian duty, he is an ideal official, as well as a generous neighbor and tender family man.

EMMONS, W. R., for many years a magistrate living at Palestine, Ill., was born April 14, 1836, in Russellville, Lawrence County, Ill., a son of Charles D. and Sarah (Mills) Emmons, the former born in 1805 in Kentucky, and died in 1850 in Russellville, Ill., having been Sheriff of Lawrence County. He and his wife were the parents of ten children. W. R. Emmons had but a few years of school in Russellville, so has taught himself nearly all he knows. He taught school in the county several years, and in 1863 bought a farm south of Robinson, where he resided for five years, when he purchased a half interest in the steam gristmill at Palestine. In three years he sold this interest, and in 1871 bought a farm near Palestine which he operated. A Republican, Mr. Emmons has filled the offices of Assessor, Collector, Supervisor and, in the spring of 1881, was elected Justice of the Peace. On March 27, 1860, he married Sarah Nichols, of Robinson, Ill., who was born in Crawford County, January 12, 1841, a daughter of Merritt and Elizabeth (Brown) Nichols. Mr. and Mrs. Emmons became the parents of four children: Hattie, Eliza, Blanche and William Roy. Mr. Emmons is a Knight of Honor.

EVERINGHAM, Capt. George B., a veteran of the Civil War, was born near Trimble Station, Crawford County, Ill., March 2, 1843, a son of John Everingham, who was born near Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1830 the father came to Crawford County, Ill., locating in Palestine, where he worked at harness-making, and later divided his time between that and farming. He died June 20, 1873. John Everingham was a son of Enoch, who was born in Sussex County, N. J., and was a millwright by trade. The wife of John Everingham, who was a native of Crawford County, died April 15, 1878. Of the fourteen children born to John and Sarah (Newlin) Everingham, George B. is the oldest. He was brought up on the farm and received only a limited education. When only nineteen he enlisted in Company F, Sixty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and participated in the engagements at Jackson, Tenn., Cross Roads, Tenn., and Little Rock, Ark. Entering the army as a private on December 1, 1861, he was mustered out March 6, 1866, as Captain of his company. Returning to Palestine he went into the livery business with John E. Miller, but a year later began farming, with his brothers William and Allen C., renting a prairie farm. In 1868 he bought 30 acres of the home farm, and remained on it until January, 1871, when he traded it for 112 acres which he made his homestead, making additions thereto until he owned 260 acres. In February, 1868, he married Anna M., daughter of William Musgrave, and they became the parents of the following children: Nora, Ellen, Ida, Arthur C. and Esther. Mr. and Mrs. Everingham joined the Baptist Church many years ago, and he was made a deacon more than a quarter of a century ago. In political faith he is a Republican.

FAUCETT, Samuel, a member of the dry-goods firm of the H. E. Whitaker Company, was born in Bloomfield, Ind., September 19, 1878, a son of Abram and Sarah (Coppin) Faucett, the former born March 5, 1855, at Bloomfield, Ind., and the latter near Bloomfield, in 1856. Mr. Faucett met his wife, who was born after her people emigrated from North Carolina to Indiana in wagons.

Samuel Faucett was well educated, for after he went to the common schools at Flat Rock, Ill., where the family had located, he learned his father's trade, and then attended the High School at Bloomfield, Ind. In the meanwhile by teaching he had earned sufficient money to pursue his studies at the Central Normal School at Danville, Ind. He then taught school for three terms, when, desiring to enter a broader field, he came to Robinson and engaged as clerk for H. E. Whitaker, and after three years was taken

Harrison Martin, Son, grand Son
and great grand Son

into partnership, the firm becoming the H. E. Whitaker Company.

On November 1, 1903, Mr. Faucett was married to Ethel Jones, of Flat Rock, Crawford County, a daughter of Dr. H. F. Jones, but there has been no issue from this marriage. In politics Mr. Faucett is a Republican. Fraternally he is a member of Knights of Pythias, Modern Woodmen and of the Tribe of Ben Hur. For seven years he has been a member of the Methodist Church. He has great confidence in the future of Robinson.

FAUGHT, David W.—Some of the farmers of Crawford County have proven themselves to be men above the ordinary, in that they have achieved more than the usual amount of success. This success has not come easily but is the result of hard work and excellent management, and especially is this true in the farming localities. The climatic conditions and the soil of Crawford County are such as to make it an ideal section for the prosecution of farming activities, and among those farmers deserving special mention is David W. Faught, of Section 13, Prairie Township.

Mr. Faught was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, April 7, 1838, a son of Wesley Faught, who was born in Licking County, that State, April 17, 1816. On April 7, 1836, Wesley Faught married Rebecca Stover, who was born in Page County, Va., November 16, 1811. They were the parents of seven children, namely: Susanna W., born February 18, 1837; David W., born April 7, 1838; Amanda, born March 7, 1840; Jasper, born December 4, 1841; Newton D., born March 22, 1845; William M., born February 11, 1848; Emeline, born October 23, 1854. Mrs. Rebecca (Stover) Faught was the daughter of Samuel and Susanna (Brombaugh) Stover, who were the parents of thirteen children, viz.; Nancy, born October 2, 1796; Barbara, born July 22, 1798; Elizabeth, born November 18, 1799; Mary, born November 25, 1801; John, born November 16, 1804; Henry, born March 24, 1806; Isaac, born September 22, 1807; Susannah, born February 3, 1809; Catherine, born May 24, 1810; Rebecca (Mrs. Faught), born November 16, 1811; Samuel, born November 8, 1813, died at the age of eighty-four, August 9, 1898; David, born July 23, 1815, died August 15, 1848; Joseph, born January 15 1817. The Stover family came from Virginia to Licking County, Ohio, in 1815, when Mrs. Faught was four years old.

Nine years after the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Faught, they removed to Crawford County, Ill., and settled in Prairie Township, where Wesley Faught bought 280 acres of land in Section 36, which was raw prairie with the exception of 20 acres. They moved into a double log cabin, where they lived for nine years. With the assistance of some hired help, Wesley Faught did all the breaking of the land, and he had his land well under cultivation when he met with a fatal accident by a horse falling upon him while out riding January 15, 1866. He survived the accident a month but died of the injuries. His widow survived until October 28, 1879, when she, too, died.

David W. Faught bought out the interest of some of the heirs of the homestead, four years later buying the interest of the others, and owned the homestead for nineteen years. Later he moved upon the property formerly owned by his father-in-law, where he now lives. During his early manhood Mr. Faught was engaged in teaching in the public schools of Crawford County for eight years. He also served as Supervisor of his township in the County Board for two terms of four years each, was Justice of the Peace of his town, and has occupied the position of School Treasurer, and for twenty-four consecutive years has been Clerk of the Board of Trustees of Schools.

On October 29, 1865, Mr. David W. Faught married Clara E. Newlin and they became the parents of the following children: Mary R., born November 1, 1866, married John B. Holmes, September 1, 1889, who is a farmer in Prairie Township, and they have eight children; William C., born January 21, 1869, married Alice Kirk, February 4, 1894, and was a physician, having graduated from the Louisville Medical College in 1894, but died November 20, 1908; Octavia, born May 3, 1871, married Charles E. Mitchell, December 27, 1891, and they live in Porterville, where he acts as a teamster for the Standard Oil Company,—they have five children; Stella Opal, born September 7, 1872, married January 31, 1892, Elmer E. Barrett, hardware merchant, and they have six children; Laura V., born August 7, 1874, married Louis Wilbert, a farmer of Prairie Township, December 16, 1894, but she is now deceased, leaving two children who are being reared by their grandfather, Mr. Faught; an infant, born July 21, 1876; Otto Raphael, born August 11, 1877; Elfie E., born September 14, 1879; Zora Hope, born May 10, 1882; Grover A., born February 10, 1885; Frank Thurman, born February 4, 1888; and Alma Clara, born November 21, 1891.

FERGUSON, Charles R.—To come of pioneer stock and to know that one's forebears developed a primitive commerce by clearing off the land and navigating the streams, had opened up a new territory and, as wielders of the axe, scythe or spade, brought civilization a little further westward, is something of which any man may well be proud. When it is remembered that nearly all of the country lying west of the sea coast has been opened up and developed within the space of one hundred years, and through the efforts of sturdy pioneers, some slight idea can be gained of what is due to them.

Charles R. Ferguson of Flat Rock, Ill., was born in Charleston, Coles County, Ill., April 8, 1863, of good pioneer Kentucky ancestry. His father James H. Ferguson was born in Greensburg, Ind., and died in 1877, at the age of fifty-seven years and one month. By occupation he

was a farmer. The mother's name was America Ferguson, and she was born in Kentucky. These parents had six sons and six daughters: Nancy Ellen; Davis, deceased; Rachel; John, deceased; Thomas; William, deceased; Samuel, deceased; Eliza, deceased; Charles R.; Maggie, deceased; Nannie, deceased; Emma, married William Trombly and has three children—one boy and two girls.

Mr. Ferguson was educated in the common schools of Charleston until he was nine years old, when removal was made to Russellville, where he finished his education, at the same time working on the farm. In 1887 Mr. Ferguson was married near Russellville, Lawrence County, to Lucy Shinkle, daughter of John and Rachel (Stotler) Shinkle. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson were: John P., born May 27, 1889 (deceased); Mae, born January 17, 1891; William, born February 20, 1894, and Emma, born June 25, 1896. For the past seven years Mr. Ferguson has been a member of the Methodist Church. His political views are such that he feels that the Prohibition party would most successfully carry them out, and so supports the candidates of that party and took much interest in the anti-saloon movement which swept the State in the spring of 1908.

FIFE, Robert.—Many of the most substantial men of the various cities and towns contiguous to large farming districts are gathered from these farms, they having retired to the more quiet life where they are able to enjoy what they worked so hard to secure. Their children are given advantages they never had, and in their successes and achievements they take their deepest pleasures. Robert Fife, born on a farm three miles south of Palestine, Ill., May 16, 1872, is a son of William Fife who came from Ireland with his parents when about six years of age, and located in Crawford County in 1865. Prior to that time he lived in Philadelphia, Pa., for twenty-four years, the balance of the time being spent in Clinton County, Ohio, where he married Mary Jane Paris, and there farmed until 1865, when he moved to Illinois and bought the French farm of 320 acres, upon which he resided until 1904. He was active in stock-raising, and bred and shipped stock upon an extensive scale, his markets being Chicago and Buffalo. His holdings amount to 3,000 acres in all in Crawford County, and represent forty-three years of hard work, thrift and wise investments. He also owns the building occupied by the Palestine Bank, and a number of substantial business blocks.

The first purchase of land made by Mr. William Fife contained less than 100 acres that was cleared, but he soon had the balance improved and under cultivation. This farm was bought from the widow of Governor French, who had built the house on it and occupied it to within a short time of his demise. Of the 3,000 acres he has bought in Crawford County, one-half has been cleared under his supervision. In August, 1898, William Fife and his son Robert organized the Palestine Bank of Palestine, Ill., with William Fife as President and Robert Fife as Cashier. The bank has been in operation for over ten years and is one of the sound financial institutions of the county. About a year ago, another son, Matthew Fife, was taken into the firm and is now Vice-President.

There is no other man in Palestine, to which Mr. William Fife retired in 1904, who has contributed so largely towards the advancement of that city. He has been actively identified with every public measure brought before the people of Palestine, and has always been on the side of law and order. His charities are many and his friendships deep, and he has been extremely generous to his sons, presenting each of his eight children with a farm upon attaining their majority. At the age of seventy-eight years this hale, cheery, pleasant Irishman, a true son of his native land, looks like a man of fifty, and Mrs. Fife, who is seventy, is in excellent health. Mr. and Mrs. William Fife are the parents of the following children: Anna Mary, who is the wife of G. J. Dickinson and they have six living children; Nancy Jane, who is the wife of Harry H. Bussard, and they have four living children; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Dr. J. A. Martin; Martha Jane, is the wife of James Hughes and they have three children: David, who married Alta Woodworth; Robert; William, unmarried, and Matthew, who married Oro M. Welch and they have one child.

Robert Fife was brought up on a farm and was well educated in the district schools of his township. He has improved the farm his father gave him, and is making it pay. He is also largely interested in the bank he and his father founded. On September 15, 1898, Mr. Fife married in Palestine Inez Pearl Ambrose, a daughter of Rev. Matthew Ambrose, a retired minister who resides in Chicago. These children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fife: Harold Ambrose, born June 26, 1900; Helen Catherine, born August 14, 1903, and Robert Roland, born September 3, 1907. The family are Presbyterians, and Mr. Fife is active in church and Sunday school work, and has been an elder in his church for the past four years. In politics he is a Republican. There have been no deaths in this family, all still living in 1909—a remarkable record.

FINLEY, De Witt Talmage.—The remarkable increase in the commercial and industrial prosperity of Robinson, Ill., is largely due to the progressive spirit displayed by some of its leading men, who have devoted capital and effort towards maintaining the prestige of the city and inducing new corporations to locate within its limits. Conspicuous among these men has been De Witt Talmage Finley, who was born at Clarion, Pa., July 7, 1877, a son of William Penn Finley, who was a large oil producer in the oil fields of Pennsylvania, prior to his death in 1882. His wife was Elizabeth Kribbs, who

was born in Pennsylvania and came of one of the old families of the State.

De Witt Talmage Finley remained on a farm until twelve years old, when his family removed to Pittsburg, where he was educated. At an early age he began his business career as an errand boy in a large wholesale hardware store in Pittsburg; later was a clerk for the largest wholesale millinery establishment in that city, and finally went on the road as salesman. While succeeding very well, he was severely injured and, for eighteen months, was incapacitated for business, but being undismayed, as soon as able established himself in a retail butter and egg store in a suburb of Pittsburg. No sooner had he begun to enjoy a good trade than he met with another accident and for six months was obliged to remain unemployed. Still possessed of plenty of pluck and ambition, he went to Oil City, Pa., and there entered the employ of the Standard Oil Company. While thus employed he was sent to Lewis County, W. Va., to take a position as telegraph operator at a gas measuring station. Misfortune seemed to follow this young man, for while discharging his duties, he met with an accident which resulted in blood-poisoning, and once more for six months he was disqualified for active service. When he was again able to resume work, the Standard Oil Company gave him a position in the construction department, which was laying an 18-inch gas line from Lewis County, W. Va., to Cleveland, Ohio. So capable did he prove that he was called upon to fill numerous positions, being time-keeper, paymaster, team foreman and general utility man. For the fourth time Mr. Finley met with an accident and the blood poisoning that set in nearly terminated his life and he was unable to work for another three months. Other men would have been entirely discouraged, but not so Mr. Finley, for with optimistic spirit, he once more resumed his responsibilities, and going to Little Rock, Ark., he entered the employ of W. H. Schott & Co., of Chicago. Here he was engaged for six months installing the hot-water heating system for the city of Little Rock, and then becoming interested in the oil fields of Oklahoma Territory, went to Cleveland, Okla., as lessor for the Minnetonka Oil Company. Afterwards, he leased oil land amounting to 160 acres, which developed very profitably, and he still owns it. As though he had not been unfortunate enough, just as success came to him in this first oil venture, Mr. Finley was stricken with an attack of malarial fever which lasted four months, and which left him in a very debilitated condition. As soon as able, he returned to Pittsburg, only remaining there a short time in July, 1905, when he went to the Casey, Ill., oil fields. A thorough inspection showed him that the Casey fields were shallow, but believing that more productive wells of oil and gas were in the vicinity, he went eighteen miles southwest of Casey and secured a block of 4,500 acres in leases. He then returned to Pittsburg and organized a company for the purpose of testing for oil. Accomplishing this, he returned to his property and began drilling, with the result that he found nothing. Not satisfied, however, for he was convinced that the oil field at Casey was connected with the Princeton, Ind., fields, a distance of 130 miles, he persevered and was rewarded by locating the Shire Well, No. 1, thirty-one miles southeast of Casey, and on the same day started a well on the A. M. Brown farm, one mile north of Oblong. These wells were drilled to a depth of 800 feet. Once more, Mr. Finley was called upon to face dire misfortune. Just as he received news of the failure of his partner in the stock market, Mrs. Finley was taken sick with typhoid fever and for twenty-four days he nursed his wife almost ceaselessly. In the meanwhile the wells had been shut down for three weeks, but with his indomitable courage Mr. Finley soon had a new company formed, and the wells were completed. The product was found to be the best in that locality. The Shire Well was shot some time later, and produced in the first twenty-four hours 3,000 barrels of oil. The Brown well was destroyed when shot. Having demonstrated the truth of his theories, Mr. Finley organized the Mahutska Oil Company, Mahutska meaning, in the Osage Indian language, "money." This company has been very successful and was managed by Mr. Finley until March, 1908, when he resigned in order to look after his outside interests.

In the meanwhile, Mr. Finley had been looking over Robinson, and appreciating the many advantages this city offered, in April, 1906, he organized the Finley-Baker Realty Company, taking into the firm his old associate, Mr. Baker. This realty business has been extraordinarily successful, and Mr. Finley has now associated with him W. M. Scarborough, from Pittsburg, as the Finley Realty Company, successors to the Finley-Baker Company. In addition to these varied interests, Mr. Finley has been instrumental in organizing the following corporations: The Wanda Oil Company of Pittsburg, and The Mitchell Company of Robinson; the Oil Company of Brown, Hogue & Finley, the Splane & Finley Company, The Finley-Baker Oil Company, and Finley Brothers. Mr. Finley's brothers are F. W. and G. K. Finley, and the firm of Finley Brothers controls holdings of from 25,000 to 30,000 acres in Western Illinois. In the near future this company proposes to prospect for natural gas in sufficient quantity to pipe the entire city of St. Louis.

On September 27, 1905, Mr. Finley married Miss Laura Leone Paden, daughter of M. J. Paden, one of the prominent West Virginia business men. Mr. and Mrs. Finley have two children: Dorothy Ann Elizabeth, born January 19, 1907, and Virginia, born June 25, 1908. Mr. Finley is independent in his political views. He and his wife are consistent Methodists, and liberal in their contributions to that church. He is very prominent in Masonic circles, having attained to the 32nd degree, having associated

himself with the Knights Templar Commandery, and is also a Mystic Shriner. One of the most beautiful homes in Robinson was built by Mr. Finley, and there he and his wife and little daughters dispense a charming hospitality. By firm determination and constant painstaking effort, Mr. Finley has achieved success and steadily risen to his present remarkable prosperity. He is a man of earnest and thoughtful character, and while rising, has carried up with him more than one of his associates of humbler days.

FIREBAUGH, Isaac L., M. D.—Doctor Firebaugh, one of the representative members of his profession in Robinson, comes of one of the oldest families of Crawford County. Dr. Firebaugh was born in Bucyrus, Ohio, July 14, 1847, son of David Firebaugh, who was born in Harrison County, Ohio, in 1812, and died in 1887, at Robinson, Ill. The mother of Doctor Firebaugh was Lucy (Ludwig) Firebaugh, born in Berks County, Pa., in 1818, and died at Robinson, Ill., in 1901. The Firebaugh family moved from Bellefontaine, Ohio, in 1855, coming to Crawford County, Ill., where they purchased a quarter-section of land, four miles west of Robinson, and this land now is extremely valuable, there being a number of active oil-wells on it.

Doctor Firebaugh, after attending the common schools of Bellefontaine and those near his old home in Crawford County, attended the University of Indiana and later taught school for two years to enable him to enter the Miami Medical College at Cincinnati, from which he was graduated in 1875. Returning from college, he engaged in practice in Robinson, in which he has continued ever since. Steadily he has gained the confidence of the people and, not only has a large private practice, but for the past fifteen years has been one of the surgeons of the Big Four Railroad, and for some time has acted in the same capacity for the Illinois Central. He is also President of the Robinson Hospital Association, and belongs to the Crawford County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Association and the American Medical Association. In addition to his other multitudinous duties, Dr. Firebaugh finds time to give his services as President of the Robinson School Board, and for twenty years was a member of the Pension Board.

On October 20, 1881, Doctor Firebaugh was married to Ellen M. Sims of Robinson. Mrs. Firebaugh's parents came from Edgar County, Ill., and settled in the town when it was a mere village of a dozen houses, and here Mrs. Firebaugh was born in 1858, five years after her family's settlement there. Doctor and Mrs. Firebaugh have four children, three sons and one daughter, all at home except the eldest son, who is now in the Philippines. Mrs. Firebaugh is a lady of literary tastes and accomplishments and has contributed sketches to some of the leading journals. The Firebaugh home on West Main street, with its spacious grounds, is one of the most beautiful in Crawford County, and is always hospitably open to friends.

FITZPATRICK, James Thomas.—There are in every community men of great force of character and exceptional ability, who by reason of their capacity for leadership become recognized as foremost citizens, and bear an important part in public affairs. As citizens they are honorable, prompt and true to every engagement, and as men they hold the honor and esteem of all classes of people, performing their duties with diligent care and guarding their personal integrity as a sacred possession. Such a man is James Thomas Fitzpatrick, who is prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Crawford County.

The birth of James Thomas Fitzpatrick occurred in Greene County, Ind., August 6, 1849, a son of Joseph and Sarah (Floyd) Fitzpatrick. Joseph Fitzpatrick was born in Kentucky, but went to Greene County, Ind., at an early day. He was born in 1815 and died in 1898, aged eighty-three. He was a miller by trade and operated a mill at Jonesboro, Ind., where he owned a small farm. His wife was born in Tennessee in 1816, and died in the same year as her husband, aged eighty-two. The following family was born to Joseph Fitzpatrick and wife: Henry E., Elizabeth Dorcas, Sabra Catherine, Cassie Jane, James Thomas, Augustus LaFayette, Jacob Fletcher, Ruth Margaret, Mary Ann, Mitchell, John C. Fremont, and Nancy Alice.

James Thomas Fitzpatrick was educated in Greene County, going to school until eighteen, after which he worked on his fathers' farm. On January 5, 1872, he married Sarah Pethtel, born January 10, 1853, a daughter of William and Rachel (Watson) Pethtel, the former born in Pennsylvania, May 20, 1820, and the latter in Ohio, January 4, 1826. Mr. Pethtel died January 21, 1904, his wife having passed away November 12, 1886. Mr. Pethtel was Deputy United States Marshal in Noble County, Ohio, during the Civil War. He and his wife had the following family: Ella, Mary, Nancy, Barbara, Sarah, Lucinda, Rachel, William Thomas, Rebecca Elizabeth and Emma Jane.

Mr. and Mrs. Fitzpatrick have had the following children: William Joseph, born October 27, 1872, on January 1, 1898, married Chloe Ann Stoner, daughter of Jesse C. and Mary (Bookwalter) Stoner, but who died September 29, 1902, after which he married as his second wife Amy Alice Stoner, sister of his first wife; Rachel Rosanna, born August 26, 1873, married Willis A. Swinger, son of Jacob Swinger, on November 4, 1899, and they have three children—Vola S., born August 3, 1900; Volora Gay, born February 17, 1902, and Cile Wilbur, born January 6, 1905; George Oran, born July 1, 1875, died September 20, 1884; James Curtis, born July 29, 1877, married Edith Rebecca Stoner, daughter of Jesse C. Stoner, on March 14, 1900, and he has one boy, Russell, born March 11, 1901.

In politics, Mr. Fitzpatrick is a Republican, and while he has never cared to hold office, he

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has always been active in the councils of his party and is regarded as one of its foremost representatives. For thirty years Mr. Fitzpatrick has been a member of the Christian Church, and his wife has belonged to this church for the same length of time. They are both active in church work, and take a strong interest in all matters pertaining to the religious development of their community. Fraternally, Mr. Fitzpatrick belongs to the order of Modern Americans.

The Fitzpatrick family has been connected with the history of several States, its members always being found among the sound, conservative men of the community, and none have ever done anything to bring reproach upon the name. The younger generation are rapidly forging to the front, and identifying themselves with the best interests of their localities. Mr. Fitzpatrick and his wife have brought up their children carefully, giving them good educations and are justly proud of them and what they have been able to accomplish.

In the fall of 1879, Mr. Fitzpatrick with his family came to La Motte Township, Crawford County, where for a few years he rented land. About 1892 he bought 100 acres of his present farm, and about four years later purchased 106½ acres joining the first land bought on the northeast, and he now owns 206½ acres. In 1905 he built the house in which he now resides.

FOLCK, Adam Sheler.—There is so much of interest in a record of the lives of pioneers of any locality, that it is difficult to condense even a few of the main facts. Every one of the States has been settled by a few who have gone on before, bearing the hardships, risking their lives and giving up the comforts and many of the necessities of life. Yet through them and their work has come the great Union, the greatest country in the world. The majority of these early settlers were, or became, farmers, buying land from the Government and gradually bringing it into cultivation. Illinois is no exception to this rule, and in Crawford County there still remain many relics of those old days, among which one that is very interesting is the primitive log house, with puncheon floor, built by the Folck family upon their location in Robinson in 1872.

Adam Sheler Folck about 1872 emigrated with his family from Greene County, Ohio, where he was born and given a common school education. His parents were Jacob Folck and Elizabeth (Frick) Folck, both natives of Pennsylvania, whence the former came to Greene County, Ohio, where his death occurred in 1867 at seventy-two years of age. There were eleven children born to Jacob Folck and wife, but only Adam and a sister who resides in Springfield, Ohio, now survive.

On September 22, 1862, Mr. Folck married in Greene County, Ohio, Sarah Elizabeth Fogwell, a daughter of John and Rebecca (Horner) Fogwell. Mrs. Folck was one of a family of three children and the only one now surviving, two brothers having died some years ago. Mr. Fogwell was a native of Maryland, while his wife was born in Greene County, Ohio. The following family was born to Mr. and Mrs. Folck: Charles Edward, born September 28, 1863, died September 16, 1879; Rebecca J., born November 25, 1865; Jesse May, born May 15, 1868, died December 27, 1886; Albert, born April 16, 1870; Emma Ann, born July 22, 1871; Maggie Lulu, born April 17, 1873, was the first of the children born in Crawford County, others born in the same county being: Nora Belle, born August 8, 1878; Leota, born December 7, 1881; Montie, born March 14, 1885, and Benawelle, born August 18, 1887. The first five children were born in Greene County, Ohio.

Mr. Folck has a good farm of 117 acres, and his residence is comfortable and substantial. Since coming to Crawford County in 1872, he has seen many important changes and as a Democrat has figured prominently in township affairs. His wife has been a member of the Lutheran Church since childhood.

DONNELL, Foster (deceased), for many years prominently identified with agricultural interests in Crawford County, was born in Wilson County, Tenn., June 18, 1818, and was taken to Jackson's Purchase, Tenn., in 1830, by his parents, who remained there several years before they located in Crawford County, Ill., settling near Palestine. There they died, the mother in 1841 and the father in 1858. They were natives of North Carolina and Delaware, respectively, born in 1797, and about the close of the eighteenth century. Owing to the fact that he had to assist in supporting the family, Foster Donnell received very little education, and commenced farming on his own account at the age of nineteen. On September 28, 1837, he married Caroline Martin, born in Crawford County, December 19, 1821. In 1839 he borrowed sufficient money to enter land in Martin Township, and eventually became the owner of 240 acres, devoted to grain and stock raising. Mr. Donnell suffered many hardships, and until he was married never wore boots, and not until he had a wife and two children did he possess an overcoat, but in spite of all he succeeded. He and his wife had four children: Margaret, Sarah Jane, Lavina E. and John M.

FOX, David Woodworth.—The old families of Crawford County, Ill., which have been long established in this part of the State, are associated very prominently with the development and improvement of the best interests of the several localities in which they lived. Their members, coming here at an early date, entered land and devoted themselves to clearing it off and putting it under cultivation. They contended with many obstacles and endured countless hardships, but their descendants are reaping rich rewards and the State has been advanced to its proud position among other great

commonwealths, so the price these pioneers paid was not too great.

The Fox family is one of those thus representative, among its other prosperous members being David Woodworth Fox, who was born in Montgomery Township, February 20, 1845, a son of John and Emeline Fox, natives of New Jersey and La Motte Township, Crawford County, respectively. The grandfather, also named John Fox, came from New Jersey to Crawford County, Ill., where he farmed and was a Methodist preacher of the early days. The Fox family was established in Crawford County by John Fox, Jr., in 1818, the year the State was admitted into the Union, and he entered a large tract of government land and became one of the prosperous farmers of his day.

Until he was twenty-one, David W. Fox attended the Montgomery Township schools and remained on his father's farm until he was twenty-five, when he was married in La Motte Township, December 30, 1870, to Eliza Jane Crews, who was a daughter of William J. and Amelia Crews. She was born July 25, 1849, and died in October, 1885. The following children were born of this marriage: Frederick Mail, born October 25, 1870; Harry Weil, born July 25, 1874; Lucy May, born April 11, 1877; Martha Ellen, born March 27, 1879; William Palmer, born May 1, 1881; Mary Blanche, born February 23, 1883; Lawrence Arthur, born December 14, 1885; one who died September 1, 1875, and Frank Coke, born December 14, 1872. The second wife of Mr. Fox was Elizabeth Kent, widow of Jasper Kent, and daughter of Henry and Mary (Looney) Miller. Mrs. Kent had one chlid, Amy. By his second marriage Mr. Fox had three children: Clara, born November 25, 1888; Roy, born June 13, 1891, and Kate, born August 4, 1893. His third wife was Lucille McKay, but there were no children by this marriage.

The finely cultivated farm of 390 acres that Mr. Fox owns in La Motte Township, and upon which he has resided since he left the parental home, is one of the best in the township. His spacious brick residence is set back from the road about 200 feet, and a magnificent lawn leads up to it, in which there are a number of stately forest trees. In politics Mr. Fox is a Democrat, is a member of the Methodist Church, and he and his wife are among the most highly respected people of La Motte Township.

FOX, Frederick Mail.—While not remembering anything about pioneer life, though well acquainted with its every detail, his knowledge being gleaned from the conversations of his father and grandfather, Frederick Mail Fox enjoys the benefits accruing from the labors of those who settled in Crawford County and brought this part of the State into its present high state of cultivation. The Fox family is one of the oldest in the State, having been established here in 1818 by John Fox, Jr., who settled here and took up Government land. His father, also John Fox, with whom he came, engaged in farming and also officiated as a clergyman of the Methodist Church.

John Fox, Jr., was born in New Jersey, October 24, 1808, and among his children was David W. Fox, father of Frederick Mail Fox. David W. Fox remained with his parents until he was twenty-five years of age, when he married Eliza Jane Crews, on December 30, 1869. She was a daughter of William J. and Amelia Crews, was born July 25, 1849, and died in October, 1885, having borne her husband the following named children: Frederick Mail; Harry Neil, born July 25, 1874; Lucy May, born April 11, 1877; Martha Ellen, born March 22, 1879; William Palmer, born May 1, 1881; Mary Blanche, born February 23, 1883; Lawrence Arthur, born September 12, 1885, and Frank Coke, deceased, who was born December 14, 1872, and died on September 1, 1875. The second wife of David W. Fox was Elizabeth Kent, who was the widow of Jasper Kent and daughter of Henry and Mary (Looney) Miller. Mrs. Kent had one child, Amy. By his second marriage Mr. Fox had three children: Clara, born November 25, 1888; Roy, born June 13, 1891, and Kate, born August 4, 1893. His third wife was Lucille McNay, but there have been no children by this marriage. Mr. Fox owns 390 acres of land in La Motte Township, is a Democrat in politics, and a Methodist in religious faith.

After a district school education, which continued until he attained to his majority, Frederick Mail Fox worked on his father's farm until his marriage to Eva May Goodwin, which took place February 27, 1895, in Montgomery Township, being solemnized by Rev. Tilroe at the residence of the bride's parents, James and Caroline (Maddox) Goodwin. Miss Goodwin was born January 15, 1871, while her father was born in Ohio, June 7, 1846, and died in Montgomery Township, Crawford County, January 12, 1901. His widow, born in Crawford County, January 12, 1849, still survives, living on the homestead in Montgomery Township. James Goodwin was a son of John Goodwin, born in Pennsylvania, July 29, 1815, and died about 1890 in Montgomery Township.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Mail Fox have children as follows: James Arthur, born August 7, 1896; William Frederick, born March 7, 1899; Martin Lloyd, born July 16, 1900; Mary Caroline, born October 28, 1904; Elmer Stoy, born September 21, 1906, and an infant girl, born October 21, 1908, not named. All are living except Mary Caroline who died July 10, 1905. Mr. Fox is a Democrat in politics and fraternally a Mason. Mrs. Fox is a Methodist, having been a member of that church for about twenty years, and before the cares of her young family began to weigh upon her heavily, was very active in Sunday school work. Mr. Fox owns 120 acres in White County, Ind. His home is a very pleasant one, and the grounds surrounding the residence spacious and well cared for. Mrs. Fox is the eldest in a family of ten children, the others being: Mary Noty, born July 7, 1872, died

March 11, 1879; Annie Belle, born May 28, 1874, died August 15, 1875; Alice, born January 1, 1876, died July 31, 1877; James Palmer, born December 7, 1877; Andrew J., born August 1, 1879; Roscoe, born July 1, 1881; William Ansby, born August 18, 1883; an infant, born August 1, 1885, who died at birth; and Earl, born October 7, 1886.

FOX, Harry Neil.—The progressive spirit displayed by the young farmers of Crawford County is such as to place them in the foremost ranks of agriculturists, and to insure their steady advancement in prosperity. Harry Neil Fox, who comes of one of the oldest families of the county, is the owner of 160 acres of fine farming land in La Motte Township, in which township he was born July 25, 1874, a son of David Woodworth and Eliza Jane (Crews) Fox, a grandson of John Fox, Jr., and great-grandson of Rev. John Fox. Rev. John Fox came to Crawford County from New Jersey, where John Fox, Jr., was born. The family located in Crawford County in 1818, the elder John Fox devoting his attention to farming and preaching as a minister of the Methodist Church. His son, John Fox, Jr., entered land from the Government and became wealthy and prominent in La Motte Township.

Until he was twenty-one years old, David W. Fox went to the Montgomery Township schools and remained on his father's farm until he was twenty-five, when he married in La Motte Township, on December 30, 1869, Eliza Jane Crews, daughter of William J. and Amelia Crews. Miss Crews was born July 25, 1849, and died in October, 1885. She bore her husband the following family: Frederick Mail, born October 25, 1870; Frank Coke, born December 14, 1872, and died September 1, 1875; Harry Neil; Lucy May, born April 11, 1877; Martha Ellen, born March 27, 1879; William Palmer, born May 1, 1881; Mary Blanche, born February 23, 1883; Lawrence Arthur, born September 12, 1885. The second wife of David W. Fox was Mrs. Elizabeth Kent, widow of Jasper Kent, and daughter of Henry and Mary (Looney) Miller. Mrs. Kent had one child, Amy. By this second marriage Mr. Fox had three children: Clara, born November 25, 1888; Roy, born June 13, 1891; and Kate, born August 4, 1893. His third wife was Lucille McNay, but there have been no children by this marriage. Mr. Fox owns 390 acres of land in La Motte Township, is a Democrat in politics, and a Methodist in religious faith.

Harry Neil Fox has been thoroughly educated, first in the district school and Palestine High School, which latter he attended two years, and from there he went to the Central Normal School at Danville, Ind. Leaving that institution he taught one term in La Motte Township, and then began farming on 40 acres of land in Montgomery Township, was also given 120 acres in La Motte Township by his father. In politics Mr. Fox is a Democrat. His wife is a member of the United Presbyterian Church, which she joined when thirteen years of age. The Fox home is a pleasant one, standing back a quarter of a mile from the road and reached by a long lane.

On March 14, 1900, Mr. Fox married Josephine Welch, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Mr. McClung of the United Presbyterian Church, at the residence of the bride's parents, A. M. and Nancy (Stephenson) Welch. Mrs. Fox was born December 19, 1876, in Jackson, Jackson County, Ohio. She is the eldest in the family born to her parents, the others being: Ora Maud, Harry Wendell, Carl Maxwell, Walter Ray, Anna May, Alta Blanche, Hazel, Lois Joy, Glenn and Paul Herbert, all of whom are living except Alta Blanche, who died January 2, 1901. Mr. Welch was born in Pennsylvania and his wife in Jasper County, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Fox have children as follows: Eliza Helen, born May 18, 1901; Edwin Maxwell, born November 25, 1902; Ruby Roselle, born August 1, 1904; Edna Olive, born January 17, 1906, and Ethel, born February 10, 1908.

FOX, John (deceased), for many years a farmer of Montgomery Township, Crawford County, and one of the prominent men of the county, was born in New Jersey, October 24, 1808, a son of John and Mary (Veneman) Fox, Sr., the former born in New Jersey, in October, 1775, and the latter in the same State in 1783. John Fox, Sr., was a minister of the Gospel who came to Crawford County in an early day, and bought half section of land and became a successful farmer, although he always devoted a good deal of his time to his pastoral duties. John Fox, Jr., married December 12, 1833, Emeline L. McGahey, born December 6, 1809, and died June 8, 1842, leaving three children: Mary E., William D. and Sarah A. Mr. Fox then married Mary L. Woodworth, born August 19, 1825, and she died February 7, 1854. The third wife of Mr. Fox was Mrs. Mary B. McGahey, a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Anderson) Buchanan, the former being an elder in the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Fox and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He became the owner of 120 acres of land and was one of the prosperous men of his Township. In politics he was a Democrat.

FOX, William D.—So closely identified with the secular history of any community as to be part of it, is the record of the early efforts of the ministers of the several denominations that sent out their missionaries before roads were cut through the timberland, or churches erected in which to hold service. In Illinois the early services were usually held in the log cabins of the sparsely settled districts, where a few gathered together filled with true faith and enthusiasm. Sometimes weeks would go by without a visit of the beloved missionary; then news would be brought that he might be expected upon a certain day, and the one who received the happy news mounted his horse, slung his gun

from his saddle-bow and galloped far and wide in order to summon the faithful. If there were any weddings to be celebrated, any baptizing to be done, the candidates presented themselves upon the appointed day at the selected log house, and the thirsty souls drank in the words of inspired wisdom that fell from the lips of the beloved clergyman. After service the little congregation would participate in a bountiful meal set forth by the housewife, the principal feature of which usually was wild game shot by the man of the house.

William D. Fox, of Section 27, Montgomery Township, Crawford County, comes of a family whose name is associated with the religious history of this part of the State, the Rev. John Fox, his grandfather, having been one of the early Methodist ministers of that county. For thirty years he labored as a clergyman. Fifteen years prior to his coming to the county, the first missionary, Benjamin Young, inaugurated the great work, he being succeeded by Joseph Oglesby, and the latter in turn by Rev. Jesse Walker, Mr. Fox being the fourth. The saplings blazed by the Rev. Walker were still young trees when the Rev. Fox took charge of the wide territory assigned him. He was a very energetic worker, and never spared himself. The first Sunday school in this locality was organized by John Fox, father of William D. Fox, at his own home, where services were held. He and a few others established the church known as Wesley Chapel, which has gained in strength as the years have gone by. For sixty-five years he was an earnest member of the church, and his home was the resting place for ministers of the gospel as long as he lived.

The first wife of John Fox, Jr., was Emeline Lucinda McGahey, who was born December 6, 1809, and died June 8, 1842. He later married as his second wife, Mary L. Woodworth, who died, and December 28, 1865 took as his third wife, Mary B. McGahey. By his first marriage there were three children: Mary E., William D. and Sarah A., of whom the first named died November 5, 1908, aged seventy-three years. By the marriage with Mary B. McGahey there were five children who with his widow survived him. John Fox, Jr., was born in Gloucester County, N. J., October 24, 1808, and in 1819 was brought to Crawford County, by his parents, and after his marriage settled on a farm in Montgomery Township, where his death occurred June 25, 1891.

William D. Fox was born in Montgomery Township, August 8, 1837, and was educated in the primitive log schoolhouses, first attending what was called the Camp Spring School. This was held in a log house, with a huge fireplace at one end, in which the blazing back log was a notable feature. These were subscription schools, each family paying a stipulated amount for every child. As soon as he was old enough, young William helped his father on the farm, assisted in clearing off the land, and had all the experiences incident to pioneer life.

On September 1, 1863, he married Angeline Crews, a daughter of William J. and Amelia Crews. Mr. and Mrs. Fox have had children as follows: Emeline who married H. M. Farrell; Mary Belle, who is unmarrried and at home with her parents; Carrie Mabel, who married J. P. Goodwin, and Edith C., who is at home. Mr. and Mrs. Crews had children as follows: Amanda, Mary Elizabeth, Martha Ann (deceased), William Johnson (deceased), Margarette (deceased), John Hooper, Angeline (Mrs. Fox), Sarah Adeline, and Eliza Jane (deceased), all of those now living being residents of La Motte Township, with the exception of Mrs. Fox. William J. Crews came from Tennessee to Crawford County, Ill., with his parents. John and Elizabeth Crews, in 1818, and the family settled in Montgomery Township, where John Crews died in 1863 and his wife about 1843. June 18, 1829, William J. Crews married Amelia Spraggins, and they moved on the land in La Motte Township joining that of John Crews on the north.

When he married, Mr. Fox owned 120 acres, 20 of which he had cleared. He built a small frame house for his bride, clearing off the timber to make a place for it. Settling down he planted corn on his 20 acres of cleared land, and this was his first crop. From time to time he added to his holdings until he owned 440 acres, of which he now retains 360 acres. His farm is a very valuable one, and he has cleared off every acre himself, putting on each improvement and is proud of what he has accomplished by his industry. Mr. and Mrs. Fox are members of the Methodist Church, of which Mr. Fox has been a trustee for a number of years. In politics he is a Democrat.

FRITZ, David E.—The city of Robinson conveniently located as it is in the great oil district of Crawford County is naturally a thriving center of industry and its present prosperity is largely due to the enterprise and progressive spirit of its business men, many of whom have become exceedingly wealthy since the discovery of oil in its vicinity in recent years. David E. Fritz, born in Pittsburg, February 7, 1858, is well known throughout Crawford County. He is a son of Christian Fritz, born at Stuttgart, Kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany, a distiller by trade, who came to America and settled at Pittsburg. The boyhood of David E. Fritz was passed in this city, where he was carefully educated and learned to speak German, French and English at a private school. He then learned the tailor's trade and, after a thorough apprenticeship, embarked in the tailoring business, becoming well known in Bradford, Pa., and Richburg, N. Y. While thus engaged, he became interested in the oil industry, having his offices in Philadelphia, where he became prominent in civic affairs and served as a member of the school board. About two years and a half ago, he came to Robinson, Ill., after an unfortunate experience in his oil business in the East, and practically began his business career all over

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again. Possessed as he was of so many natural abilities, and being a good business man, it was not long before he recouped his fortune and is now one of the wealthiest citizens of Robinson. Among other properties he now owns the Grand Opera House building, his beautiful home on North Cross Street, and some valuable oil bearing lands in the county.

Mr. Fritz was married in Bradford, Pa., April 13, 1882, to Miss Annie Frances Habbernigg, born in Austria, in March, 1859. Her father was head tailor of the Austrian army and, after he came to America, became well known throughout the oil country, where he carried on a large tailoring business. Mrs. Fritz's mother's first name was Hannah, and was also a native of Austria. Mr. and Mrs. Fritz have the following children: Charlotte H., born in Bolivar, N. Y., January 9, 1886, and is a teacher in the High School there; David, who died when one year old; Grace E., born on June 18, 1890, and has graduated from the High School of Robinson; George H., is thirteen years of age and in the eighth grade in school.

In his youth Mr. Fritz was an enthusiastic athlete and was especially fond of aquatic sports. In the Centennial Regatta of 1876 he was one of the winning crew. In religious matters Mr. Fritz is a member of the German Lutheran Church and is very liberal in his donations to it. Mr. Fritz has never prominently identified himself with any political party, preferring to cast his vote for the man he deems best fitted for the office in question. Socially, he is extremely popular, and the hospitable Fritz home is always open to the many friends he and Mrs. Fritz have made and all are accorded a free-handed, genial hospitality.

FRYE, D. E.—Since the discovery of oil in Crawford County there has been a remarkable advance in values in that locality. Property, which, before it was known that the earth held such wealth within its grasp, was valued at a nominal sum, now can scarcely by purchased at any price, for the owners are fully aware that they possess what is better than a gold mine, and they do not propose to let slip out of their hands. Some of these property holders are operating the land themselves, but others find it more profitable to lease the ground to large companies which possess better facilities than individuals for drilling and handling the product. Either way, the oil industry has revolutionized the complexion of commercial activity in this section, and trebled the wealth of many. However, while these men are engaged in the oil business, they are not neglecting their farming interests, but carry on about the same operations, and their fertile acres yield them a handsome profit as a reward of their labors.

Among those who have attained very satisfactory results is D. E. Frye, on Section 3, Montgomery Township. Mr. Frye was born in New Hebron, Crawford County, January, 5, 1865, a son of Hamilton Frye, who was himself a native of Virginia, who came to New Hebron when a young man. He was married in Crawford County to Sarah C. Buzzard, a daughter of Samuel Buzzard, a prosperous farmer of the county. Hamilton Frye and wife were parents of the following children: Louis, Palmer, Ella, Charles, Edward, Allen (deceased), Clinton (deceased), John (deceased) and D. E., all of whom were born in the county. When Hamilton Frye first located at New Hebron, he entered the employ of a merchant as clerk in a general store, eventually bought a home and died in New Hebron. In national affairs he was a Republican, but frequently voted for the best man according to his judgment in county and township affairs.

D. E. Frye was reared and educated in Crawford County, and when his mother, who was early left a widow, married John Senor Wesley, the family moved three miles west to Flat Rock, locating on a farm. Here the lad went to school and learned to farm properly, remaining with his step-father until he attained his majority. At that time he married Emma L. Ford, a daughter of Joseph Ford, and after marriage moved to Flat Rock, bought property on which he built a home, where he and his wife lived, although for three years working on the Joseph Ford farm. At the expiration of that time, he sold his Flat Rock property to Dr. Ford, and bought his present home of 80 acres in Montgomery Township. He is a general farmer and stockman, and has made a success of his agricultural operations.

Mr. and Mrs. Frye have two children: Raleigh C. and Evaline, both of whom are attending school and are bright lively young people. Mr. Frye has long been prominent in the Baptist Church, of which he and his wife are consistent members, and he is now superintendent of the Sunday school, making one of the best officials they have ever had. Mr. Frye has not limited his expressions of faith to words alone, for he was one of the most active promoters of enterprise for the erection of a new church, and the completed edifice is a testimonial of his generosity and energy, for he not only gave more than his full share, but worked unceasingly until it was completed, and it is an edifice of which the congregation is justly proud. In politics Mr. Frye is a Republican, and is justly regarded as one of the sound, progressive young men of his township, who can be depended upon in any emergency in the affairs of the community, or in private life.

FULLING, Henry, for many years connected with the agricultural interests of La Motte Township, Crawford County, was born May 18, 1824, in Essen, Province Hanover, Germany, a son of Climar Fulling, born in Germany in 1802, who was a soldier of Germany. He married Ellen Roea, who bore him four children. Henry Fulling attended school in his native land, and came to Palestine when fifteen years old. His first twelve years in America were spent in the

employ of F. Paull, when he began farming on his own account, finally becoming the owner of 353 acres of land. Mr. Fulling married in Crawford County, Samina McColpin, born August 24, 1826, a daughter of Abraham and Jemima (Higgins) McColpin. Mr. and Mrs. Fulling became the parents of six children, four of whom grew to maturity: John T., Mary E., Sarah E. and Henry A. Mr. Fulling has always been a Democrat, while he and his wife early joined the Presbyterian Church.

FURMAN, Thomas Joshua.—Having devoted all of his time to agricultural pursuits, Thomas Joshua Furman is well fitted to successfully operate his fine farm of 108 acres of rich Illinois land in Robinson Township, where he has resided since 1865, becoming closely identified with the county and gaining the confidence and respect of his neighbors. Mr. Furman was born near Cincinnati, in Hamilton County, Ohio, April 10, 1838, a son of John and Eliza (Parmer) Furman, the former of whom was born in New York State, but went to Cincinnati in 1829, and worked at his trade of carpenter for many years. His death occurred in 1882, in Warren County, Ohio, and he is buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, at Mason, Warren County. His wife was born near White Plains, in New York State, and died, and was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery shortly after her husband.

Thomas Joshua Furman went to the subscription schools of Hamilton County until he was fourteen, and then worked on the farm until he was twenty-three. At that time, October 30, 1862, he married Mary Ann Quick, daughter of Rignier and Elizabeth Quick, farmers of Hamilton County, Ohio. For two years after his marriage, Mr. Furman rented property in Hamilton County, Ohio, but in 1865, came to Crawford County, and bought 50 acres of land in Robinson Township, to which he has added until he now owns 108 acres in excellent condition, while four oil wells have been opened on the property, all of which are producing. He and his wife had two children: Ida, born October 9, 1863, married Charles A. Snyder, December 4, 1895, and lives on the home farm; John C., born January 22, 1869, married Laura Emeline Dean.

In politics Mr. Furman is a Democrat, and while not especially active, he takes an interest in local affairs.

Mrs. Furman was born in Butler County, Ohio, April 19, 1842, and died April 12, 1892; and is buried in Kirk Cemetery, Robinson Township. Her last sickness was of seventeen months' duration, but she bore her suffering with a noble, Christian spirit, and her example was one not soon to be forgotten by her husband and relatives. She was a devoted wife and mother, and to her neighbors she was always kind and considerate, and her funeral was largely attended by those who had known and loved her.

Mrs. Quick, the mother of Mrs. Furman died May 15, 1890, her funeral services being conducted by Rev. Mr. Little, of Oblong. She was born at Trenton, N. J., in July, 1820, and moved with her parents to Hamilton County, Ohio, where she married Rignier Quick in 1839. They moved to Illinois in 1865, and located in Crawford County. She was the mother of seven children, five of whom survived her. A devout member of the Methodist Church, she was deeply mourned by the whole congregation, and her remains were interred in Kirk Cemetery.

John Cyrus Furman, son of Thomas Furman, was born in Robinson Township, January 22, 1869, and attended Wilson's School in the same township. In the fall of 1894 he purchased 30 acres of land, and his wife having 60 acres left from her mother's estate, he now has a nice farm of 90 acres, all well improved. On March 18, 1894, Mr. Furman married, at the home of J. P. Dean, Laura Emeline Dean, daughter of J. P. and Sabrina (Parker) Dean. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Tohill of the United Brethren Church. They have one daughter, Stella Maud, born August 4, 1895. In politics Mr. Furman is a Democrat, but like his father he does not take an active part in political matters. He is numbered among the enterprising farmers of his locality, and his success is well merited.

Charles A. Snyder, Mr. Furman's son-in-law, was born in Crawford County, Ill., September 9, 1851. His father died when Charles A. was young, and he was thus thrown on his own resources early in life. He has always worked at farming, and now owns 40 acres of land in Oblong Township, on which there are three oil wells. He is a Democrat.

GAINES, Duane, attorney-at-law and former Representative in the State Legislature from the district composed of Jasper, Crawford, Lawrence and Richland Counties, publisher of the Palestine Review, and senior member of the firm of Gaines & Smith, of Palestine, Crawford County, Ill., was born in that county, November 2, 1862, a son of James A. and Elizabeth (Pearson) Gaines. The father, a farmer by occupation, was born in South Carolina, December 11, 1811, and came with his father, Stephen Gaines, to Palestine in 1817. They were at Fort Lamotte during the Indian troubles. The mother was born about three miles southeast of Palestine in 1819, married James A. Gaines in 1836, and they lived on a farm in Montgomery Township more than half a century. The mother died in 1891, and the father in the year following.

Duane Gaines attended the Central Normal College at Danville, Ind., and read law in the office of Parker and Crowley in Robinson. Although reared on the farm, he never liked the work, but was always seeking to obtain an education, and taught school eight years to earn means to pay his way through college. He was admitted to the bar in 1891, and practiced law in Jasper County from 1892 to 1901 in partnership with Judge H. M. Kasserman. From the time of casting his first vote, Mr. Gaines was

an enthusiastic Democrat, and served in the State Legislature one term (1896-98). In 1896 he entered heartily into campaign work and spoke from the same platform with Mr. Bryan. During the campaign of 1900 he founded the "Newton Democrat" and is now one of the publishers of the "Palestine Review," having come to Palestine in 1904, and founded his paper in partnership with Henry O. Smith, under the style of Gaines & Smith. Mr. Gaines is in active law practice and also conducts a flourishing real-estate and loan business. He came from Prescott, Ark., and also spent a year in Texas. He is a man of great energy, successful in whatever he undertakes, and popular with the people throughout the State.

On June 20, 1892, Mr. Gaines was married in Terre Haute, Ind., to Ora E. Gullett of Palestine, Ill., and one child, Beulah Marie, was born to them, February 20, 1895. Mr. Gaines is a member of the Christian Church, and contibutes liberally towards its support, being popular in its ranks as he is everywhere.

GOGIN, Enoch (deceased), for many years a carpenter of Palestine, Crawford County, was born October 9, 1812, in Clermont County, Ohio, a son of Thomas and Sarah (Scull) Gogin, and grandson of John Gogin. Thomas Gogin was born April 5, 1773, in Morris County, N. J., while his wife was born in Cape May County, N. J., in 1781. John Gogin was born April 8, 1749, and was lost at sea. The marriage of Thomas Gogin and wife took place August 31, 1796, and they had twelve children. Enoch Gogin was educated in Hamilton County, Ohio, and farmed until he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed until 1860, when he was appointed Postmaster at Palestine, Ill. He resigned that office in 1876 on account of failing health. On June 8, 1835, Mr. Gogin married Mary E. Ewell, born November 18, 1817, the daughter of John and Helen Ewell, who died in Cincinnati. Mr. and Mrs. Gogin became the parents of two children: Leonidas H. and Catherine M. Mr. and Mrs. Gogin were members of the Christian Church, and were worthy and most excellent people who had the esteem of all who knew them.

GOODWIN, Edwin A.—A trip through Crawford County will amply repay anyone who seeks confirmation of the statement that the prosperity of the nation is evidenced in the farming districts. The great fertile farms, well stocked with sleek cattle, trimly fenced, and ornamented with substantial barns and beautiful residences, demonstrate that the owners are men of intelligence who thoroughly understand the business of farming, and who wrest from their land comfortable incomes. Among the progressive farmers of Hutsonville Township, Crawford County, is Edwin A. Goodwin, who was born near Hutsonville, December 28, 1877, a son of Ephraim and Emily J. (Magill) Goodwin. The father was born in Ohio, November 3, 1841, and died April 10, 1882. His widow was born near Palestine, Crawford County, January 3, 1846, a daughter of William Logan Magill, who came from Kentucky to Crawford County about 1826. Mrs. Elizabeth (McColpin) Magill, the mother of Mrs. Goodwin was born January 3, 1820, and reared in Crawford County. The marriage of Ephraim Goodwin and Emily J. Magill took place March 19, 1868, the Rev. William Cain, a Methodist clergyman, officiating, the ceremony taking place in Wesley Chapel, near Palestine.

Edwin A. Goodwin was reared on a farm and educated in the common and high schools, being graduated from the latter in Palestine, April 22, 1896. He has always been a farmer and he and his mother have a beautiful home, 80 acres of which comprised the old homestead. They have 125 acres additional, the farm extending to the banks of the Wabash River. The premises are kept up in the most approved condition, and Mrs. Goodwin is very proud of it, for she planned it herself. The milk house, which was designed by her, is built of brick and fully supplied with the latest conveniences. This home is one of the finest in Crawford County and is always pointed out by admiring neighbors of that locality as one of the show places.

Mr. Goodwin was married at the residence of John Black of Hutsonville Township, on January 22, 1905, to Addie Black, born March 5, 1884, and died April 16, 1907. Mr. Goodwin and mother are members of the New Light or Christian Church, although Mrs. Goodwin was formerly a Methodist. They are active in church work and contribute liberally towards its support. The Goodwin family is a well known one in the community, and mother and son are deservedly popular among their neighbors.

GOODWIN, Noah Franklin.—Farming is becoming a regular business, just as any other branch of commercial activity, and the man who makes a success out of it has to possess certain qualities. He must not be afraid of hard work, or long hours, must be well versed in the rotation of crops, and know how to feed economically his stock. While working at all times to bring about good results, he must be thrifty and bring out of his land all it will produce. Such a farmer is Noah Franklin Goodwin, of La Motte Township, Crawford County, who was born in the southeast corner of Hutsonville Township, November 7, 1873, a son of David and Stacy A. (Magill) Goodwin, the former of whom was born in Coshocton County, Ohio, December 18, 1843, while his wife was born in Crawford County in 1848. David Goodwin has been a farmer and stock raiser of Crawford County since 1851, and has become very prominent. He is Vice-President and a stockholder of the First National Bank of Palestine, has acted as School Director and School Trustee, and was a member of the Village Board of Palestine for six years.

In 1894, Noah Franklin Goodwin began farming after having been educated in the district school, the Danville Central Normal School and the Northern Illinois Normal, and he has just com-

pleted a pleasant two-story, twelve-room home, with all modern improvements, including hot-air heat, running water and electric lights, which make it one of the best residences in the county.

September 30, 1892, Mr. Goodwin married, at Montpelier, Ind., Letitia Stoner, a daughter of Jesse and Mary Stoner. Their children are: Rex, born September 25, 1893; Guel, born February 25, 1895; Orville, March 25, 1901; Roger, July 8, 1904. The Goodwin home is noted for its hospitality, and the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin gather there sure of a cordial welcome. Mr. Goodwin has served as School Director, in religious affiliations is a member of the Union Christian Church of La Motte Township, and his fraternal connections are with the Modern Woodmen.

GORDON, Orin La Rue.—Like so many others who were reared upon a farm, Orin La Rue Gordon has returned to agricultural pursuits after an unusually interesting career as a business man along other lines, and in the second greatest city in the country. He is an excellent farmer and his experience has taught him the value of system in farming as in any other branch of industrial activity. That he has brought about very satisfactory results is sufficient proof of the efficacy of his methods, and the example he sets is being followed by many of his neighbors. Mr. Gordon was born in Iowa, June 27, 1862, a son of Charles A. Gordon, who came from Perry County, Ohio, to Crawford County, Ill., in 1850.

Charles A. Gordon was born in Monmouth County, N. J., September 18, 1816. His parents were William and Ann (La Rue) Gordon, the former born in New Jersey in 1794, and the latter born September 23, 1798. While residents of New Jersey at the time Charles A. was born, about 1818, William Gordon and his family moved, by overland route, to Morgan County, Ohio, and there the father died in 1830. Then the mother and her children went to Perry County, Ohio. Charles A. Gordon, when about thirteen years old, was apprenticed to a carpenter for three years. He worked at his trade and made his home in Perry County, Ohio, until 1850, when he came to Crawford County, Ill. After his arrival, he bought land in Oblong Township, which he sold a short time afterward, and moved to Cumberland County, where his wife's parents resided. From Cumberland County he moved to Iowa. October 2, 1844, Charles A. Gordon married Mary Bugh, who died August 12, 1851. There were three children of this marriage: William Lafayette and Francis Gilbert, who died, and Charles Asbury. On September 2, 1852, Charles A. Gordon married Sarah M. Callahan, daughter of John and Margaret (Brown) Callahan. Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Gordon had six children, five boys and one girl. Theodore C., born September 8, 1853, in Cumberland County, Ill., married Katherine Albin, who bore him three children, and after her death he married Elizabeth Knott; they have one child, and live at Lonoke, Ark. Ida, born June 22, 1858, in Iowa, married Everett C. Trimble, son of Judge Trimble of Trimble; they have four boys and two girls, and live in Robinson Township. John O., born in Iowa, August 5, 1860, married Mollie Beabout, they had three children, when he died September 22, 1905. Later his widow married W. G. York of Robinson. Orin La Rue is the next child. Clarence L., born November 25, 1863, in Iowa, married Mary Holt; he has a daughter, and lives in the State of Washington. George E., born June 6, 1868, lives in Colorado. Charles A. Gordon was himself one of a family of six children: Charles A., William T., Elizabeth, Lydia, Austin W. and Mary Jane.

After going to Iowa, Mr. Gordon spent eleven years on a farm of his own, and then went to the Platte Valley, near Fremont, Neb., but after four years there he returned to Crawford County, and settled on the farm in La Motte Township, where Orin La Rue Gordon now resides. At the time of his death, he owned 600 acres of fine land, through which the Illinois Central now runs. The station, which is on the land once owned by him, is named after him, Gordon. Mr. Gordon was identified with the Republican party all his life, and he was a lifelong member of the Methodist Church. Mrs. Gordon is one of the trustees of the church, which is located on the farm.

The mother of Charles A. Gordon, Mrs. Ann Gordon, after the death of her husband married Peter McMullen, and by her second marriage she had two children: Matilda and Amanda. After Mr. McMullen's death, Mrs. McMullen came to Crawford County, and lived with her children until she died. Charles A. Gordon died in La Motte Township, July 18, 1890. The Gordons are descended from the Scotch nobility.

Orin La Rue Gordon first attended school in a log schoolhouse, in which the floors were made of puncheons and the seats of rude slabs of wood, but the drilling in the common branches was excellent. When he was twenty-one, he took a course of study at the commercial college at Quincy, Ill., and then taught in the business college at Mendota, Ill., for about a year. He then went to Chicago, where he learned stenography and was employed as a stenographer by several large firms, when he entered the employ of the Chicago Daily News as private secretary of A. G. Beausnisne at the head of the publishing department of the paper. Later he accepted the position of superintendent of circulation for the Chicago Inter Ocean, under H. H. Kohlsaat. Still later he went to Cleveland, Ohio, to occupy a position on the Daily Press, but in 1896 returned to his old home to take charge of the farm for his mother. Like his father he is a Republican, and he served for eight years as postmaster of Gordon. Mr. Gordon is interested in anything that promises to advance the interests of his community.

In Chicago, October 8, 1889, at the home of his wife's uncle, George E. Plum, Mr. Gordon married Louise Charlotte Russel, daughter of Dr.

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William B. and Viola S. (Goodman) Russel, natives of Vermont and Louisiana, respectively. Mr. Gordon was born in New Orleans, November 2, 1867. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon are: Ethelbert Callahan, born August 18, 1890, and Charles Russel, born June 13, 1897.

GREEN, Samuel S. (deceased), formerly a farmer of Hutsonville Township, was born in Crawford County, Ill., August 14, 1834, a son of Joseph Green, a native of North Carolina, born in 1802, who came to Union County, Ill., in 1822, when twenty years old, and a little later to Crawford County. Here he remained and farmed until 1855, when he died. During the Black Hawk War he served as a soldier. Joseph Green married Queen E. (Lindley), born in North Carolina in 1811, and they became the parents of twelve children, of whom Samuel S. was the fourth child. Samuel S. Green was brought up on the farm, and attended the public schools. After attaining his majority he began farming on a 40-acre farm near his homestead, but ten years later returned to his father's home farm, where he continued to reside, eventually owning 230 acres. On September 13, 1854, he married Alice R. Boyd, born in Crawford County, and they became the parents of these children: Elzora E., Joseph W., James, Henry E., Charles O., Ulysses G., Anna L., and Thomas E. Mr. Green and wife were members of the Friends Church. Politically he was a Republican.

GUYER, Cyrus.—The simple creed of the Quaker faith has attracted those whose consciences are best suited to its requirements. The preachers of the Society of Friends, more than the clergy of any other denomination, are men of self-sacrificing lives, conscientiously devoted to their work. One of the most eloquent of these preachers is Cyrus Guyer, son of Mrs. John Aaron Guyer, now deceased, who for many years was herself a preacher. Cyrus Guyer was born November 1, 1864, in Hutsonville Township, and after attending school in the township until he was eighteen years of age, spent two terms at the State Normal School, at Terre Haute, Ind. On December 22, 1887, he married Amanda Alice Boyd, daughter of William and Fidelia Boyd. One child was born of this marriage, Mabel Alice, but died in infancy, while the mother died a short time afterward. On September 14, 1893, Mr. Guyer married Martha Ann Rohrer, daughter of David and Margaret (Pierson) Rohrer. Mr. Guyer and his present wife have had children as follows: Louis May, born August 1, 1894; John Henry, born January 13, 1896, died January 6, 1899; Eunice E., born October 13, 1899; Ruth Ellen, born January 15, 1901; Naomi Pauline, born July 1, 1903; Elma Jane, born August 9, 1905. In politics, Mr. Guyer is a Prohibitionist. Since 1891, he has been a preacher of the Friends Church. In 1889 he was a student in the biblical department of Earlham College, and also attended during the fall of 1891. He continued on the farm until 1896, when he was placed in charge of the Friends Church in Georgetown Vermilion County, Ill., where he remained two years, and then was sent to Ridge Farm in the same county, remaining there two years. He also spent two years at Benson Chapel, near Sullivan, Ind., and for two years preached throughout Sullivan County, Ind. He then returned to his farm of 120 acres, but has a large following in his vicinity and is greatly beloved by those who sit under his gospel teaching. He inherits his mother's eloquence and power, and has brought many into the church.

GUYER, John Aaron.—The history of Illinois is intimately associated with the records of the pioneers, who, braving all hardships incident to frontier life, came into the State, entered land and developed fertile farms from the timber, swamp and prairie lands. One of the families that has long been associated with the annals of Crawford County, bears the name of Guyer, and one of its most prominent representatives is the venerable John Aaron Guyer, born November 12, 1826, in Hutsonville Township, a son of Aaron Guyer, a native of North Carolina, who came west to Paoli, Ind., where he remained a year and then located in Hutsonville Township, Crawford County, Ill., about 1818, taking up Government land at $1.25 per acre. The entire trip from North Carolina to Indiana, and thence to Crawford County was made in a covered wagon. Aaron Guyer was accompanied to Paoli, Ind., by three brothers, Jesse, Exum and Silas, all eventually locating in Crawford County, where they died. When Aaron Guyer came to the county it was practically undeveloped. Wild animals of all kinds were numerous and Indians plentiful. It was after he located here that the settlers were forced to take refuge in the fort near Hutsonville, because of the outbreak of the Indians.

During his life Aaron Guyer owned 103 acres of land, and improved most of it before his death. He first built a small log house, in which his son John Aaron was born, but about 1822 built a frame house, sawing the lumber for it with a whipsaw. In those early days he threshed wheat with a flail, and fanned it with a sheet. He cut his wheat with a cradle and nap hooks. He also built a log barn, and the greater part of his cultivating was done with oxen. The death of Aaron Guyer occurred in Hutsonville Township in 1835. He had the following children: Mary, who at the age of eighty-eight is living in Crawford County; Harvey, deceased; John Aaron; Sarah and Eliza, both deceased.

John Aaron Guyer was educated in the subscription schools of his neighborhood, and after he was twenty-one, he taught school himself, his early educational advantages having been rather meager, he made the most of them, and is a very well-informed man. He was married April 2, 1851, to Jane Hill, daughter of John and Sarah Hill, natives of North Carolina and Kentucky respectively. As far as can be ascertained,

the Hill family formed one of the party, of which Aaron Guyer was a member, on the trip from North Carolina to Paoli, Ind., and thence to Crawford County, Ill. They had children as follows: Henry Clinton, born February 7, 1852, and died in infancy; Albert, born October 28, 1853, who married Mary Belle Heard daughter of William B. and Mary Jane Heard, and they had three children. His wife dying, John Aaron Guyer married again, and by his second marriage had the following children: Adolphus, born August 30, 1855; Leander, born June 14, 1858; Louisa, born August 3, 1860; Caroline, born October 3, 1862; Cyrus, born November 1, 1864; Isabel, born December 23, 1866; Clifford, born January 16, 1867; Woodford, born January 28, 1871; Emily, born August 10, 1873, and a son who was born October 28, 1876, and who died when two days old. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Guyer who are deceased are: Woodford, Clifford, Mrs. Louisa Boyd and Miss Caroline Guyer.

Mr. Guyer originally owned 900 acres, but has divided his property among his children. He is a Prohibitionist in politics and has taken a deep interest in the cause of temperance. For thirty-five years he has been a member of the Society of Friends, in which he is an elder. For twelve years he was Justice of the Peace, proving one of the most popular officials of Crawford County.

The second Mrs. Guyer was born January 19, 1834, and died January 9, 1903, aged nearly seventy years. For many years she was a member of the Society of Friends. For a quarter of a century she devoted herself to rearing her family, and then spent the remainder of her life, with the exception of the last two years, when ill health prevented her from performing her duties, as a preacher of the Quaker faith. Her eloquence and her exposition of the simple faith of the Society of Friends made her a power among the Quakers throughout this part of the State. She performed the marriage ceremony for one of her sons and two grandchildren, as well as others. She was a woman who commanded not only veneration, but love, and the mourning for her loss was universal, and not confined to her church. Her neighbors knew her as the kind, sympathetic, helpful friend, while her family never knew what it was to want for anything because of her watchful care. Mrs. Guyer was a niece of Dr. Hill, who for so many years ministered to the people of this locality. Her sister, Mrs. Martha Newlin, still lives as do her children. Probably there will never be another preacher of the Quaker faith in this vicinity that will possess such power as she, for she was a most remarkable woman in every respect.

HALL, Harry.—Most intimately associated with the growth and character of any community are its business interests. They mould the life of the people, give direction to their efforts and crystallize the present and future possibilities of the locality into concrete form. The leading business men of a town are its greatest benefactors, silently controlling the forces that bring progress and prosperity, and especially is this true of those who are interested in the handling of realty interests. Harry Hall, of Oblong, Crawford County, Ill., is one of the most progressive young men of this locality in the general real-estate and insurance business at Oblong, Ill. Mr. Hall was born in Milan, Ripley County, Ind., January 15, 1874, a son of Lewis and Olive (Smith) Hall. Lewis Hall was born near Hamilton, Hamilton County, Ohio, and was a farmer. At an early day the Hall family emigrated to Milan, Ind., where lived Leander and Annie (Sutton) Smith, parents of Olive Smith. Lewis Hall, the father of Harry Hall, enlisted in 1863, at Camp Morton, Indianapolis, in the Seventh Indiana Cavalry, served for a time in the One Hundred and Nineteenth Infantry, and was mustered out by General Order at Indianapolis in 1865. His death occurred October 7, 1902, on the old homestead at Milan, Ind., aged sixty-seven. Mr. and Mrs. Hall had eleven children, two of whom are deceased, but five sons and four daughters survive.

Harry Hall worked on a farm at Milan, Ind., and was there educated in the public schools. After leaving school, he was employed as a brakeman on a freight train of the Baltimore & Ohio South Western Railroad, but soon began learning the carpenter trade and followed it for seven years and four months, when he accepted his present position, for which he is well fitted. In politics he is a Republican, and fraternally is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Encampment No. 184, Oblong, and Subordinate Lodge, 850, Oblong, and is extremely popular throughout the county where he is so well and favorably known.

HAMILTON, Mahlon Milburn.—The discovery of oil in Crawford County has materially increased the value of property and worked an astonishing transformation in its industrial life, and there are comparatively few among the county's prosperous citizens who are not interested, directly or indirectly, in its oil products. Mahlon Milburn Hamilton, one of the well-known citizens of Robinson, Ill., a Civil War veteran and leading business men, is one of those especially interested in this great industry. He was born at Chatham, Licking County, Ohio, November 15, 1840, a son of William Findley and Eliza (Milburn) Hamilton, the former born in Washington County, Pa., June 18, 1813, and the latter in Belmont County, Ohio, in 1819. The progenitor of the Hamilton family landed at New Castle, Del., August 14, 1729, coming from County Antrim, Ireland, and Mr. Hamilton's great-great-great-grandfather, John Hamilton, was the father of five children, namely: John, George, James, Florence and Jane. His great-grandfather, William Hamilton, was a captain in the Revolutionary War, having enlisted at Gettysburg, Adams County, Pa., and served three years, while his son, also named William, enlisted in Washington County, Pa., in the War of

1812, in which he served one year. The latter moved to Harrison County, Ohio, in 1818, and died in Delaware County, that State, in 1869.

William Findley Hamilton, the father of Mahlon M., was married to Eliza Milburn in Belmont County, Ohio, January 21, 1836, moved to Licking County four years later, and to Robinson, Crawford County, Ill., in 1852. He was engaged in the manufacture of pumps in Ohio, but upon coming to Crawford County purchased 160 acres of land and devoted his time chiefly to farming, meanwhile, however, making many pumps by hand after locating in Oblong Township. He improved the farm which he first purchased, as well as two other farms, and engaged extensively in land speculation, selling a number of properties. The mother died in Robinson on July 22, 1890, the father surviving until June 10, 1892. They had seven children, as follows: John H., Meredith B., Mahlon M., William B., James B., Mary J., and Cornelius O., all of whom are living except Mary J.

Mahlon Milburn Hamilton spent his childhood on his father's farm, and attended the country schools of his native locality. In the year 1860 he went to Kentucky, and the outbreak of the Civil War found him there. In May, 1861, he enlisted in the Twenty-first Illinois Infantry under the second call for troops during the Civil War, and after his discharge that summer, re-enlisted in the Thirtieth Illinois Regiment, in September, going into camp at Cairo for the winter. After the battle of Belmont, Mo., in which he participated, he joined the expedition up the Cumberland and Tennessee Rivers, taking part in the battles of Forts Donelson and Henry, after which he was sent to the hospital. Being discharged therefrom in July, he again enlisted as Sergeant in Company H, One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Illinois Regiment in the spring of 1864, continuing with this regiment on the Iron Mountain Railroad and in the raids against the rebel Gen. Price. He received his honorable discharge in 1865, having the record of an able, brave and faithful soldier.

In 1869, Mr. Hamilton went to Texas, where he was engaged in the cattle business until 1877 when returning East, he located in Ohio and later in Pennsylvania, where he was connected with mining ventures from 1881 to 1891, in which latter year going to Baker County, Ore., where he operated the Era gold mine, of which he now owns about one-fourth. After the Spanish-American War, Mr. Hamilton spent eight months in Cuba, and since that time has been engaged in coal-mining and prospecting, and also has large oil interests. Mr. Hamilton is a Republican in his political views, and his religious connection is with the Presbyterian Church. He has never married.

HAMILTON, Merideth, one of the substantial and thoroughly reliable farmers of Oblong Township, and a man who has been largely interested in the development of his community, was born in Licking County, Ohio, October 12, 1842, a son of William F. and Eliza (Milburn) Hamilton, the former born in Washington County, Pa., June 18, 1813, and the latter in Belmont County, Ohio, in 1819, their marriage taking place in Belmont County, January 21, 1836, whence they moved four years later to Licking County, the same State, and to Robinson, Crawford County, Ill., in 1852.

The first member of this branch of the Hamilton family in America was John Hamilton, who arrived at New Castle, Del., August 14, 1729, from County Antrim, Ireland. A descendant of this family was William Hamilton, the great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, who enlisted at Gettysburg, Pa., and became a captain in the Revolutionary War, his son and namesake, William, also serving one year in the War of 1812, having enlisted in Washington County, Pa. The latter moved from Pennsylvania to Harrison County, Ohio, in 1818, and died in Delaware County, that State, in 1869. (For further details of the life of William F. Hamilton, see sketch of Mahlon M. Hamilton, immediately preceding.)

Meredith was ten years old when the family came to Crawford County, in 1852, and he followed up the schooling he had secured in Licking County, Ohio, with what was obtainable in Crawford County, walking three miles to attend the subscription school. When only a little over eighteen years of age, he joined the Union army at Robinson, and had the good fortune of getting into the Twenty-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry, commanded by General U. S. Grant. After his enlistment he was ordered to Mattoon, Ill., and served all through the war, being mustered out at Springfield, Ill. After the war, he came to Crawford County, and resumed farming. His first purchase was 40 acres in Oblong Township, to which he later added 80 acres adjoining, and he now has a very valuable farm.

Mr. Hamilton was married in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1870 to Christine Knicly, who died in the fall of 1879. Their children were: William, Blanch, Nellie, deceased. Ten years afterwards Mr. Hamilton married Rose McColpin, daughter of John McColpin, who was a Crawford County farmer, and Mrs. Hamilton was born and reared in the county. Mr. Hamilton is a Republican, and has taken an active part in local affairs. Mrs. Hamilton is a member of the Methodist Church to which Mr. Hamilton has been a liberal contributor for a number of years.

HAND, Woodford D., a member of one of the old pioneer families of Crawford County, was born July 29, 1835, on the old homestead entered by his grandfather. Mr. Hand is a son of James and Nancy (Draper) Hand, the former of whom was born near Chillicothe, Ohio, May 20, 1805, and was brought to Crawford County by his parents in 1821. The death of James Hand occurred October 9, 1876. During 1827 James Hand was elected as Second Lieutenant of the Sixteenth Regiment Illinois Militia; he was Justice of the Peace, Associate Justice of Crawford County, and a very prominent man generally. Mrs. Hand was born in North Car-

the Hill family formed one of the party, of which Aaron Guyer was a member, on the trip from North Carolina to Paoli, Ind., and thence to Crawford County, Ill. They had children as follows: Henry Clinton, born February 7, 1852, and died in infancy; Albert, born October 28, 1853, who married Mary Belle Heard daughter of William B. and Mary Jane Heard, and they had three children. His wife dying, John Aaron Guyer married again, and by his second marriage had the following children: Adolphus, born August 30, 1855; Leander, born June 14, 1858; Louisa, born August 3, 1860; Caroline, born October 3, 1862; Cyrus, born November 1, 1864; Isabel, born December 23, 1866; Clifford, born January 16, 1867; Woodford, born January 28, 1871; Emily, born August 10, 1873, and a son who was born October 28, 1876, and who died when two days old. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Guyer who are deceased are: Woodford, Clifford, Mrs. Louisa Boyd and Miss Caroline Guyer.

Mr. Guyer originally owned 900 acres, but has divided his property among his children. He is a Prohibitionist in politics and has taken a deep interest in the cause of temperance. For thirty-five years he has been a member of the Society of Friends, in which he is an elder. For twelve years he was Justice of the Peace, proving one of the most popular officials of Crawford County.

The second Mrs. Guyer was born January 19, 1834, and died January 9, 1903, aged nearly seventy years. For many years she was a member of the Society of Friends. For a quarter of a century she devoted herself to rearing her family, and then spent the remainder of her life, with the exception of the last two years, when ill health prevented her from performing her duties, as a preacher of the Quaker faith. Her eloquence and her exposition of the simple faith of the Society of Friends made her a power among the Quakers throughout this part of the State. She performed the marriage ceremony for one of her sons and two grandchildren, as well as others. She was a woman who commanded not only veneration, but love, and the mourning for her loss was universal, and not confined to her church. Her neighbors knew her as the kind, sympathetic, helpful friend, while her family never knew what it was to want for anything because of her watchful care. Mrs. Guyer was a niece of Dr. Hill, who for so many years ministered to the people of this locality. Her sister, Mrs. Martha Newlin, still lives as do her children. Probably there will never be another preacher of the Quaker faith in this vicinity that will possess such power as she, for she was a most remarkable woman in every respect.

HALL, Harry.—Most intimately associated with the growth and character of any community are its business interests. They mould the life of the people, give direction to their efforts and crystallize the present and future possibilities of the locality into concrete form. The leading business men of a town are its greatest benefactors, silently controlling the forces that bring progress and prosperity, and especially is this true of those who are interested in the handling of realty interests. Harry Hall, of Oblong, Crawford County, Ill., is one of the most progressive young men of this locality in the general real-estate and insurance business at Oblong, Ill. Mr. Hall was born in Milan, Ripley County, Ind., January 15, 1874, a son of Lewis and Olive (Smith) Hall. Lewis Hall was born near Hamilton, Hamilton County, Ohio, and was a farmer. At an early day the Hall family emigrated to Milan, Ind., where lived Leander and Annie (Sutton) Smith, parents of Olive Smith. Lewis Hall, the father of Harry Hall, enlisted in 1863, at Camp Morton, Indianapolis, in the Seventh Indiana Cavalry, served for a time in the One Hundred and Nineteenth Infantry, and was mustered out by General Order at Indianapolis in 1865. His death occurred October 7, 1902, on the old homestead at Milan, Ind., aged sixty-seven. Mr. and Mrs. Hall had eleven children, two of whom are deceased, but five sons and four daughters survive.

Harry Hall worked on a farm at Milan, Ind., and was there educated in the public schools. After leaving school, he was employed as a brakeman on a freight train of the Baltimore & Ohio South Western Railroad, but soon began learning the carpenter trade and followed it for seven years and four months, when he accepted his present position, for which he is well fitted. In politics he is a Republican, and fraternally is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Encampment No. 184, Oblong, and Subordinate Lodge, 850, Oblong, and is extremely popular throughout the county where he is so well and favorably known.

HAMILTON, Mahlon Milburn.—The discovery of oil in Crawford County has materially increased the value of property and worked an astonishing transformation in its industrial life, and there are comparatively few among the county's prosperous citizens who are not interested, directly or indirectly, in its oil products. Mahlon Milburn Hamilton, one of the well-known citizens of Robinson, Ill., a Civil War veteran and leading business men, is one of those especially interested in this great industry. He was born at Chatham, Licking County, Ohio, November 15, 1840, a son of William Findley and Eliza (Milburn) Hamilton, the former born in Washington County, Pa., June 18, 1813, and the latter in Belmont County, Ohio, in 1819. The progenitor of the Hamilton family landed at New Castle, Del., August 14, 1729, coming from County Antrim, Ireland, and Mr. Hamilton's great-great-great-grandfather, John Hamilton, was the father of five children, namely: John, George, James, Florence and Jane. His great-grandfather, William Hamilton, was a captain in the Revolutionary War, having enlisted at Gettysburg, Adams County, Pa., and served three years, while his son, also named William, enlisted in Washington County, Pa., in the War of

1812, in which he served one year. The latter moved to Harrison County, Ohio, in 1818, and died in Delaware County, that State, in 1869.

William Findley Hamilton, the father of Mahlon M., was married to Eliza Milburn in Belmont County, Ohio, January 21, 1836, moved to Licking County four years later, and to Robinson, Crawford County, Ill., in 1852. He was engaged in the manufacture of pumps in Ohio, but upon coming to Crawford County purchased 160 acres of land and devoted his time chiefly to farming, meanwhile, however, making many pumps by hand after locating in Oblong Township. He improved the farm which he first purchased, as well as two other farms, and engaged extensively in land speculation, selling a number of properties. The mother died in Robinson on July 22, 1890, the father surviving until June 10, 1892. They had seven children, as follows: John H., Meredith B., Mahlon M., William B., James B., Mary J., and Cornelius O., all of whom are living except Mary J.

Mahlon Milburn Hamilton spent his childhood on his father's farm, and attended the country schools of his native locality. In the year 1860 he went to Kentucky, and the outbreak of the Civil War found him there. In May, 1861, he enlisted in the Twenty-first Illinois Infantry under the second call for troops during the Civil War, and after his discharge that summer, reenlisted in the Thirtieth Illinois Regiment, in September, going into camp at Cairo for the winter. After the battle of Belmont, Mo., in which he participated, he joined the expedition up the Cumberland and Tennessee Rivers, taking part in the battles of Forts Donelson and Henry, after which he was sent to the hospital. Being discharged therefrom in July, he again enlisted as Sergeant in Company H, One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Illinois Regiment in the spring of 1864, continuing with this regiment on the Iron Mountain Railroad and in the raids against the rebel Gen. Price. He received his honorable discharge in 1865, having the record of an able, brave and faithful soldier.

In 1869, Mr. Hamilton went to Texas, where he was engaged in the cattle business until 1877 when returning East, he located in Ohio and later in Pennsylvania, where he was connected with mining ventures from 1881 to 1891, in which latter year going to Baker County, Ore., where he operated the Era gold mine, of which he now owns about one-fourth. After the Spanish-American War, Mr. Hamilton spent eight months in Cuba, and since that time has been engaged in coal-mining and prospecting, and also has large oil interests. Mr. Hamilton is a Republican in his political views, and his religious connection is with the Presbyterian Church. He has never married.

HAMILTON, Merideth, one of the substantial and thoroughly reliable farmers of Oblong Township, and a man who has been largely interested in the development of his community, was born in Licking County, Ohio, October 12, 1842, a son of William F. and Eliza (Milburn) Hamilton, the former born in Washington County, Pa., June 18, 1813, and the latter in Belmont County, Ohio, in 1819, their marriage taking place in Belmont County, January 21, 1836, whence they moved four years later to Licking County, the same State, and to Robinson, Crawford County, Ill., in 1852.

The first member of this branch of the Hamilton family in America was John Hamilton, who arrived at New Castle, Del., August 14, 1729, from County Antrim, Ireland. A descendant of this family was William Hamilton, the great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, who enlisted at Gettysburg, Pa., and became a captain in the Revolutionary War, his son and namesake, William, also serving one year in the War of 1812, having enlisted in Washington County, Pa. The latter moved from Pennsylvania to Harrison County, Ohio, in 1818, and died in Delaware County, that State, in 1869. (For further details of the life of William F. Hamilton, see sketch of Mahlon M. Hamilton, immediately preceding.)

Meredith was ten years old when the family came to Crawford County, in 1852, and he followed up the schooling he had secured in Licking County, Ohio, with what was obtainable in Crawford County, walking three miles to attend the subscription school. When only a little over eighteen years of age, he joined the Union army at Robinson, and had the good fortune of getting into the Twenty-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry, commanded by General U. S. Grant. After his enlistment he was ordered to Mattoon, Ill., and served all through the war, being mustered out at Springfield, Ill. After the war, he came to Crawford County, and resumed farming. His first purchase was 40 acres in Oblong Township, to which he later added 80 acres adjoining, and he now has a very valuable farm.

Mr. Hamilton was married in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1870 to Christine Knicly, who died in the fall of 1879. Their children were: William, Blanch, Nellie, deceased. Ten years afterwards Mr. Hamilton married Rose McColpin, daughter of John McColpin, who was a Crawford County farmer, and Mrs. Hamilton was born and reared in the county. Mr. Hamilton is a Republican, and has taken an active part in local affairs. Mrs. Hamilton is a member of the Methodist Church to which Mr. Hamilton has been a liberal contributor for a number of years.

HAND, Woodford D., a member of one of the old pioneer families of Crawford County, was born July 29, 1835, on the old homestead entered by his grandfather. Mr. Hand is a son of James and Nancy (Draper) Hand, the former of whom was born near Chillicothe, Ohio, May 20, 1805, and was brought to Crawford County by his parents in 1821. The death of James Hand occurred October 9, 1876. During 1827 James Hand was elected as Second Lieutenant of the Sixteenth Regiment Illinois Militia; he was Justice of the Peace, Associate Justice of Crawford County, and a very prominent man generally. Mrs. Hand was born in North Car-

olina, December 12, 1806, and died in August, 1860. There were three children born to them, of whom Woodford D. was the eldest. He was brought up on the farm and attended the subscription schools. On October 5, 1861, he enlisted in Company D, Thirtieth Illinois Volunteer Infantry as a private, and was mustered out as Captain of his Company. He participated in nearly all the engagements of his regiment, and was with Sherman in his "March to the Sea." Returning home after the war, Mr. Hand began farming on the home farm, and became one of the prosperous farmers of Hutsonville Township. He married on October 21, 1855, Mary J. Cox, daughter of Needham Cox, her father being a native of Wayne County, N. C., while his daughter was born in Crawford County, May 3, 1838. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hand: Malinda E., Mary B., Daniel W., Augusta B. and William S. Mr. Hand is a Republican and has served as Justice of the Peace and School Treasurer. Mr. and Mrs. Hand are Baptists.

HARNESS, John C. (deceased), was born September 27, 1812, in Ross County, Ohio, a son of Job and Rachel (Liming) Harness, and grandson of Michael Harness. The latter was of German descent, born in Virginia, and served in the Revolution and the War of 1812. Job Harness was born on the South Branch in Virginia, February 11, 1748, and in 1800, was taken to Hamilton County, Ohio, by his parents, and immediately after his marriage in 1808, moved to Ross County, Ohio. In 1817 he located in Vincennes, Ind., where he lost his wife. She was born in New Jersey, August 12, 1786, and died August 7, 1817. She was the mother of three children, of whom John C. was the youngest. After her death, in 1818, Job Harness moved to a farm in La Motte Prairie which he had purchased while residing in Vincennes. Five years later he returned to Ross County, but in 1830 came back to Crawford County, and died there November 28, 1834.

John C. Harness helped his father and was well educated in the high school at Cincinnati, remaining at the paternal home until he was twenty-one, when he began supporting himself, engaging in farming and boating on the river. In 1849 he went to California, but in 1854 returned after the death of his brother Isaac, and resumed farming operations. In 1855 he located at Hutsonville and operated a mill for many years. In 1855 he was married in Terre Haute, Ind., to Paulina C. Wood, a native of Ohio, and they became the parents of two children: Stacey E., and Eleanor P. Mr. Harness was active as a Democrat; belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Hutsonville, and served on the Town Board of Hutsonville for five years. He and his wife early joined the Christian Church.

HARPER, George W., for many years editor and proprietor of the "Robinson Argus," was born near Richmond, Ind., and brought up on a farm until thirteen years old, when the family removed to Centerville, Ind., and George began work in a cabinet-making shop, although he wanted to enter a printing office. In the spring of 1853 he returned to the farm, and in October of that year apprenticed himself to Holloway & Davis in the Palladium office at Richmond, Ind. Coming to Illinois in 1856, he started the first paper ever published in Robinson, known as the "Gazette;" in 1859 he published the "Crawford Banner," at Palestine, and in 1860 became connected with a paper at Pana. In 1862 he returned to Eastern Indiana and took charge of a paper there, but came back to Robinson in 1863 and established the Robinson Argus. Mr. Harper has been very prominent as a Republican, and was appointed Postmaster three times; he served two terms as Justice of the Peace, was President of the Board of Trustees of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb at Jacksonville for four years, and served as Presidential Elector in 1904. He has been instrumental in securing many important changes in municipal and county government, not only through his personal influence, but by airing matters fearlessly in his paper.

Mr. Harper was married December 24, 1857, to Hannah Amanda, eldest daughter of Dr. Nelson Goodwin, of La Motte Township, who died in 1870, leaving four children. Mr. Harper married Miss Lucy H. Gattan, of Martin Township, in 1871.

HARPER, Judge John B. (deceased), for many years one of the representative men of Palestine, Crawford County, was born February 6, 1813, in Knox County, Ind., a son of James and Peggy (Walker) Harper. James was born May 15, 1790, in Fayette County, Ky., and died December 1, 1829, in Knox County, Ohio, after having been a soldier in the Indian War of 1812. His wife was born July 25, 1795, in Mercer County, Ind., and she died August 26, 1826, in Knox County, Ind. George Harper, grandfather of Judge Harper, was one of the pioneers of Fayette County, Ky., and was in the Revolution and on account of his services received a grant of land in Indiana from the Government. He built a fort on his property and began to farm it.

After an exciting pioneer life during his boyhood, John B. Harper came to Palestine in 1830, and learned the blacksmith trade, and followed it for thirty-six years, and then commenced to farm. On November 16, 1837, he married Abigail Everingham, born November 19, 1820, in Ohio, a daughter of Enoch and Triphena (Kitchell) Everingham, who came from the East. Mrs. Harper became the mother of six children: James E., Mary V., Rhoda A., Charles O., Lizzie Bell and Lucy J. For many years Mr. Harper served as Justice of the Peace and County Magistrate, was School Treasurer, and from 1869 to 1877 was County Judge. During all his life he was a Democrat.

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HASKETT, E. C. (deceased), who for many years was a leading merchant of Palestine, Crawford County, Ill., was born near Hutsonville, son of John and Nancy (West) Haskett, natives of North Carolina. The father came to Crawford County at an early period, and lived there until his death, which occurred in the spring of 1841. He and his wife became the parents of six children. E. C. Haskett attended school only a short time in Hutsonville, but he learned from reading and observation. Remaining on the homestead until he was sixteen, Mr. Haskett entered a general store in Hutsonville, remaining there six years, when he went to Melrose and clerked for a year. From Melrose he came to Palestine, and in 1852 he entered the employ of Preston Brothers, becoming their partner in 1855. Ten years later he and his brothers bought the business, and carried on the largest establishment of their kind in the State. In 1876 they dissolved the firm, and in 1880 Mr. Haskett opened a general store. The first marriage of Mr. Haskett occurred when he was united to E. A. Kitchell, born in December, 1827, and who died in 1867, the mother of four children: Catlin P., Ida B., Fanny B. and John C. The second wife of Mr. Haskett was Mrs. Sarah E. Kitchell, born May 30, 1832, in Palestine, the daughter of Dr. H. Mauzy, and widow of a Mr. Kitchell. Mr. and Mrs. Haskett had two children: Edmund C. and Sarah E., while by her first marriage Mrs. Haskett had two children: Richard G. Kitchell and Garvin Kitchell. Mr. Haskett was an Odd Fellow, a Democrat and a member of the Presbyterian Church.

HENRY, Levi (deceased), formerly associated with the best farming interests of Oblong Township, was born in Perry County, Ohio, September 20, 1832, a son of George Henry, also born in Ohio, and who in 1848 brought his family to Oblong Township, Crawford County, settling on wild land, where he died, leaving Levi 160 acres of land, to which the latter added 250 acres. Levi remained with his father until he was thirty-one years old before he commenced farming on his own account, devoting his attention to grain and stock-raising. On February 16, 1860, he married in Crawford County, Catherine Dennis, born in Ohio, December 28, 1838, and they became the parents of six children: Anna C., Laura J., Marion Silas, Harlan Preston, George Edward and Estella. In politics Mr. Henry was a Democrat and served for two years as Highway Commissioner, discharging the duties of his office to the satisfaction of all parties concerned.

HENRY, Samuel.—The success of any man means that much advancement for his community, for unless the individual succeeds, the community will have no industrial prosperity. Samuel Henry, of Oblong Township, Crawford County, Ill., has done his part in establishing and maintaining the preeminence of his locality as an agricultural center. He was born in Perry County, Ohio, January 21, 1837, a son of George Henry (now deceased), a farmer and blacksmith, born and reared in Ohio, where he married Anna Reric, also a native of Ohio. They became the parents of children as follows: John, Levi, Peter, Samuel and Elizabeth, all born in Perry County, Ohio.

Samuel Henry was a boy when the family came to Crawford County and located on his present farm. He assisted his father and brothers in clearing off the property, the original farm consisting of about 1,000 acres, for which the father paid $1.25 per acre. On February 17, 1859, Mr. Henry married Dorcas Manhart, daughter of John Manhart, and born in Jennings County, Ind. Mr. and Mrs. Henry became the parents of the following children: William Frederick, George W. (deceased), Thomas W., Charles E., Eliza Jane, Sarah R. and Clara May. Mr. Henry is a large property owner, being the proprietor of 160 acres on Sections 15 and 16, 40 acres on Section 21, 80 acres on Section 22, and 32 acres on Section 27. In 1906 oil wells were located on several of his farms, and there are now sixteen in operation, which has greatly increased the value of his property. He is a man who has always worked hard for what he secured, and at the same time has endeavored to deal fairly as a neighbor and perform his duty as head of the family. His children have been given good educational advantages, and are prosperous and happy. It is such men as Mr. Henry who have made Illinois what it is to-day, one of the greatest States in the Union.

HICKS, G. B. (deceased), who for many years was one of the leading merchants of Hardinville, Crawford County, was born in that county, October 23, 1843. His father died before his son's birth, and when the latter was only ten years old, he began working out by the month, continuing thus until 1861 when he enlisted in Company G, Seventh Missouri Volunteer Mounted Infantry. In the battle of Raymond, May 12, 1863, he was shot through the body. He also participated in the battles of Corinth, Shiloh and Grand Gulf. On account of his wound, he was honorably discharged, October 23, 1863, and it was two years before his wound healed. As soon as he was able he bought a farm in Martin Township, but in seven years he moved to Hardinville, although he did not sell his farm, and embarked in merchandising. In 1872 Mr. Hicks married in Lawrence County, Nancy Allen Sanders, and they had three children: Bettie L., Mary Florence and Lewis Calvin. Mr. Hicks was a Democrat and held the office of Justice of the Peace and Town Clerk. Fraternally he was a member of the Masonic order. Hardinville Lodge No. 756.

HIGHSMITH, John Douglas.—Numerous are the changes which have occurred in Southern Illinois in the past decade, but probably the greatest of all were caused by the discovery of

oil in Crawford County. Men grew rich in a night, new towns sprung up in almost as short a time, and the whole county became almost immediately one of the State's busiest centers of business. John Douglas Highsmith, of Section 31, Honey Creek Township, is the owner of an excellent tract of 350 acres of land, on which are located nine oil-bearing wells, which are producing rapidly. Mr. Highsmith was born January 1, 1856, in Honey Creek Township, the son of A. W. Highsmith, a pioneer farmer of this section, who was born May 7, 1815, and a grandson of James Highsmith. James Highsmith was born and reared in Kentucky, and settled in Crawford County, Ill., among the early pioneers. He became a farmer and pioneer school teacher of Montgomery Township, where he reared his family, and here A. W. Highsmith was educated and reared to manhood. He married Cynthia S. Montgomery, who was born April 1, 1819, in Montgomery Township, after which he moved to Honey Creek Township, where he entered 180 acres of land from the Government. Clearing and cultivating his land he added thereto until he had 230 acres. In addition to this he taught school for some years in the old log schoolhouses of Honey Creek Township, and here his death occurred. He and his wife had twelve children, of whom John Douglas was the ninth, and six of whom grew to maturity: Sarah Jane, Harriet, William F., subject, Leander and Levi. Of these Sarah Jane and Leander are now deceased. The other children died in infancy. A. W. Highsmith was a lifelong Democrat, and took an active part in local matters, holding various township offices. Fraternally he was connected with the Masonic fraternity, and in religious faith a Baptist, dying in his fifty-fourth year.

John Douglas Highsmith was educated in the public schools of Honey Creek Township, his father being his teacher, and remained at home until the death of his parents, when he purchased 80 acres in Section 31. This he cleared and improved for farming, and kept steadily adding to his holdings until he now owns 350 acres of fine land, nearly all of which is cleared, on which he is engaged in practical farming and stock-raising. Oil was located on Mr. Highsmith's property in 1906, and nine wells are now in operation. In political matters he is a Democrat and has taken an active part in local affairs.

On December 27, 1888, Mr. Highsmith was married to Julia E. VanWinkle, daughter of William VanWinkle, of Honey Creek Township, a sketch of whom will be found on another page of this publication. Mr. and Mrs. Highsmith are members of the Christian Church.

HIGHSMITH, Levi M.—The discovery of oil in Crawford County has opened up a new page in its history, and has brought into its confines men interested in the development of oil and the prosecution of the various other lines of industrial activity associated with it. Land heretofore of little value suddenly became almost priceless, and men who, prior to the discovery of oil, were in moderate circumstances, found themselves rich. Levi M. Highsmith, of Honey Creek Township, Crawford County, a farmer and stock-raiser, is one of those whose land has yielded up some of the riches hidden in it, oil having been discovered on his property in 1906, and he has an oil well and a gas well in active operation.

Born in Honey Creek Township, February 1, 1863, Levi M. Highsmith is the youngest son of A. W. Highsmith, an extended sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume. Mr. Highsmith attended school in the log school-house of the Township, where so many of Crawford County's leading men received an education, and helped his father clear the homestead. When but fourteen years old, however, he left home and remained with his sister, Mrs. Evagorus Rundle, until his marriage, December 11, 1883, to Alice Weger, a daughter of Neil Weger. As was her husband, Mrs. Highsmith was born and reared in Honey Creek Township, and they have become the parents of the following children: Otto, Burril, Oscar, Lester, Lena, Julia and Orman, all born and reared in Honey Creek Township. After marriage the young couple moved to their present home, which then consisted of 40 acres. This was in brush and timber, but he cleared it off, and made all of the improvements, including the erection of a comfortable residence and commodious barn, as well as other suitable outbuildings. His land now consists of 160 acres, which he devotes to farming and stock-raising. When he married he had no assets, but to-day he is in very comfortable circumstances, and has himself to thank for his prosperity.

Always a Democrat, Mr. Highsmith has been active in behalf of his party, and has served for the past four years as constable, for three years has been Township Clerk, and for fifteen years was School Director. He is a Mason, belonging to Russelville Lodge, No. 348. He and his wife are members of the Missionary Baptist Church and are very popular in the church, as well as in the township where they have many warm, personal friends.

HIGHSMITH, Nathaniel Johnson, of Robinson, Ill., member of the old established and well known firm of Highsmith Brothers, importers of French, German and Belgian stallions and one of the most prominent men in political circles of Crawford County, Ill., was born on a farm five miles south of Robinson, March 11, 1866, a son of John Madison and Catherine (Seaney) Highsmith. John Madison Highsmith, now deceased, was born October 27, 1836, in Montgomery Township, Crawford County, a son of Mathes Highsmith, and was the only survivor of a family of eight children. When only sixteen he began to earn his own living, and supplemented his common school education by extensive reading. On November 15, 1856, John M. Highsmith married Catherine Seaney, whose parents were among the early pioneers of Crawford County. Mr. and Mrs. Highsmith had children

as follows: W. Frank, member of the firm of Highsmith Brothers, and has two daughters and two sons; Belle, who married William Allison, a farmer of Bismark, Ill., and they have two daughters and four sons; Jane, who married S. N. Hope, a dealer in fine horses, residing in Robinson, and they have three daughters and two sons; James Marion, who was a cripple from birth and died when thirty-five; Emma, who married Cuba Reinoehl, a merchant at Rolla, Mo., and they have one son; Nathaniel J., married; Harmon E. member of Highsmith Brothers firm, is unmarried and lives in Robinson, Ill.; Oscar O., who resides on his farm in Robinson Township, married Julia Barrick but has no children; Mattie, who married Charles M. Murphy, a merchant of Terre Haute, Ind., and they have one child; Charles, died in infancy, and Rose, who married John E. Griswold, a farmer of Robinson Township, and they have two daughters.

John Madison Highsmith spent his life in Crawford County, soon after his marriage moving to a farm in the northeastern part of Honey Creek Township, where the family resided until September, 1891, when they removed to Robinson. Mr. Highsmith added, from time to time, to his acreage and at the time of his demise owned 400 acres of as valuable land as could be found in the township. He farmed, raised stock, and engaged extensively in buying and shipping stock, and between 1870 and 1880 was the most extensive stock-dealer in Crawford County, and until three years prior to his death, was actively engaged in this line. A life-long Democrat, Mr. Highsmith was honored by his party many times and served in many of the township offices, from 1880 to 1884 served as Sheriff of Crawford County, and in 1884 was elected Representative in the General Assembly from the Forty-fifth District. His death occurred on November 16, 1903, and the funeral services were held at his late residence, the Rev. S. A. Caldwell officiating. Mr. Highsmith was one of Nature's noblemen, a man strictly honorable in all his dealings, truly public-spirited, who held the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens, and commanded universal regard.

Nathaniel Johnson Highsmith spent his school days at the Brown School, near Duncanville. From early manhood he has been successful in every line he has taken up, and he is now regarded as one of the most substantial men of his section. He is the owner of three farms in Robinson Township, in addition to houses and buildings in the city of Robinson, and he is a member of the firm of Highsmith Brothers importers of French, German and Belgian stallions, which he ships throughout the United States.

A Democrat in politics, Mr. Highsmith has been one of the leaders of his party in Crawford County, having held numerous offices. He was Sheriff of the county in 1906, and is now Secretary of the County Central Committee. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen, the order of Odd Fellows, the Tribe of Ben Hur and the Rebeccas. His religious affiliations are with the Christian Church, of which he is trustee. Mr. Highsmith's long service to the Democratic party is sufficient evidence of his ability and fidelity to duty, but it is due him to say that he has in his public capacity displayed only the same traits which have characterized his private life—strict attention to the details of his work and thoughtful, intelligent management, qualities which cannot fail to bring about satisfactory results.

Mr. Highsmith was married at New Hebron, Ill., November 10, 1885, to Syrilda Houston, born June 21, 1867, near St. Clair, Mo., a daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (Wall) Houston, farmers of Honey Creek Township. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Highsmith, namely: Carrie, born November 29, 1887; Cleo, born December 11, 1890, and Cliffie, born December 5, 1892.

HIGHSMITH, William Franklin. — Crawford County numbers among its residents many very successful farmers who have attained their present prosperity through hard, unremitting labor, for fortunes are not made in a day from agricultural pursuits. Each day brings its quota of work and yet if good management is exercised, economy practiced, and hard work not shirked, in time a rich reward is harvested. William Franklin Highsmith is one of the farmers of Honey Creek Township who has proven the truth of the foregoing. He was born on the homestead, Section 32, Honey Creek Township, August 4, 1852, a son of A. W. Highsmith, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume.

William F. Highsmith was educated in the district schools of Honey Creek Township, and assisted his father. On April 17, 1873, he was married to Mahala D. Parker, the daughter of Newman Parker, a pioneer of that locality, where she was born October 17, 1854, and was there reared. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Highsmith moved to a farm in Montgomery Township, where Mr. Highsmith rented land for two years. For two years following he lived on his father-in-law's farm, and then purchased his present farm, commencing with 40 acres, which he cleared and put under cultivation. Now he owns 80 acres, all of which has been cleared by him. He has put up his home and barn and other outbuildings, making all of the improvements himself. He devotes his attention to general farming and stock-raising.

Mr. and Mrs. Highsmith have had children as follows: Laura, wife of Edward Hamilton, of Montgomery Township; Owen E.; Elsie N.; Ida J.; Leander, and five deceased, all except the first having been born in Honey Creek Township. Mr. Highsmith has always been a Democrat, and has taken a very active part in local affairs, serving twice as Township Assessor and Tax Collector, as well as in other township offices, and always faithfully discharging his duties. Fraternally he is a member of the Independent

Order of Odd Fellows and Modern Woodmen of America.

HILL, Doctor (deceased), settled in what is now Hutsonville Township, Crawford County, in 1818, and was one of the pioneers of this locality. He was born in Randolph County, N. C., June 28, 1796, a son of John and Rachel (Sargent) Hill, the former having been born on the same place as his son, and died in 1849, about eighty-two years old. The mother was also born in North Carolina, and died in Crawford County aged ninety-three. Nine children were born to these parents. Doctor Hill was a farmer, blacksmith and shoemaker, and a skilled mechanic, and when eighty-six years old he made two plows with his own hands. While not an educated man from a book standpoint, he was a close observer and understood his work thoroughly. His first marriage occurred in 1815 to Nancy Boyd, born March 9, 1797, in Guilford County, N. C. She died in 1825, leaving a family of five children: Sargent, Elizabeth, Rachel, Mary and Nancy. The second marriage of Doctor Hill occurred November 13, 1828, in Crawford County, when he was united with Cynthia Smith, born on the South Branch of the Potomac, in Virginia, July 2, 1795, daughter of Jacob B. and Hannah (Hand) Smith, he a native of Germany and she of Virginia. Mrs. Hill died in January, 1872. Mr. Hill became the owner of 402 acres of land in Hutsonville Township, and was a prominent Democrat, holding the office of Commissioner. He remembered distinctly many features of Thomas Jefferson's administration, and was a warm admirer of that great statesman.

HILL, John (deceased), for many years one of the leading merchants of Robinson, was born in Sullivan County, Ohio, November 10, 1816, but from 1818 was a resident of Crawford County, Ill., to which his father removed in that year. For more than half a century Mr. Hill was a farmer and became the owner of some 2,500 acres of land, including his father's original entry of 160 acres. He divided his property among his children and, retiring to Robinson, entered the mercantile field in which he met with marked success. His grocery establishment for many years served as a base of supplies, not only for the people of Robinson but a large contiguous territory. Mr. Hill erected his large brick store, and his annual sales have aggregated as much as $30,000, and in all of his dealings he has held the confidence of his associates and patrons.

On February 28, 1838, Mr. Hill married in Crawford County, Miss Morris, and they became the parents of children as follows: Charles M., Henry M., Diana Boofter and Mary McLean. Mrs. Hill dying, in 1875, Mr. Hill married Mrs. Sterrett. Politically Mr. Hill was a Democrat.

HILL, John M. L. (deceased), for many years a farmer and stockman of La Motte Township, Crawford County, was born March 19, 1820, in Knox County, Ind., a son of John and Mary (Clark) Hill, born in North Carolina, in 1793 and 1795, respectively. John Hill, who was a farmer and a soldier in the War of 1812, died in Knox County, Ind., in 1825. He and his wife had nine children. John M. L. Hill went to school in Indiana and learned the saddler and harness-making trades. After many vicissitudes, Mr. Hill finally opened a harness shop in Palestine in 1845, and in 1854 embarked in a stock business, and from time to time entered land in different counties, so that eventually he became the owner of 717 acres of land in addition to town property. On October 8, 1846, he married in La Motte Township, Jane Purcell, born March 24, 1824, in La Motte Township, the daughter of Jonathan Purcell, a native of Virginia and a pioneer of the county. Mr. Hill was first a Whig but later a Republican, and was one of the successful men of his locality.

HOLLOWELL, Silas.—No biographical record of Crawford County, Ill., would be complete without the names of its leading agriculturists, men of sturdy character and upright lives who have done so much towards reclaiming this part of the State from the wild prairie. Prominent among this class of representative men may be mentioned Silas Hollowell, whose 200 acres of farming land testify to his thrift and intelligence as a farmer. Mr. Hollowell was born in Orange County, Md., October 13, 1833, a son of James and Agnes Hollowell, farming people, who came to Crawford County, Ill., in 1837 and here spent the remainder of their lives. James and Agnes Hollowell had these children: Silas; Elizabeth Ann, born March 25, 1835; John, born November 29, 1836, died September 4, 1841; Woodward, born December 23, 1841, died in Memphis (Tenn.) Hospital, February 2, 1863, from diseases contracted during the Civil War; Emily, born May 25, 1840, died May 3, 1863, having married Henry Wood, a farmer of Licking Township, by whom she had one daughter, now deceased; and Sarah, born September 7, 1845, and married William Foster, a farmer of Clark County, Ill., by whom she had eight children, but is now deceased.

Silas Hollowell received but a limited education in the schools of Licking Township, after which he began farming and has continued in that occupation all of his life. On October 26, 1864, he enlisted in Company D, Thirtieth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Captain Woodford Hand, and continued with that regiment until the close of the war, being mustered out at Springfield, July 17, 1865. On December 2, 1869, he was married by Rev. John Anderson, a minister of the Protestant Methodist faith, to Sarah E. Barton, who was born July 30, 1842, a daughter of Samuel B. and Rebecca (Smith) Barton, natives of Coshocton County, Ohio, who had these children: Sarah E.; Nancy Jane, who died in infancy; Samuel Palmer, born September 1, 1846; John Smith, born March 17, 1850; Gab-

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riel Victor and William Henry, who died in infancy; and Ellsworth, born in June, 1861.

To Mr. and Mrs. Silas Hollowell have been born these children: Minnie Gertrude, born May 27, 1871, married October 11, 1896, Ernest Wilbert Barrett, son of Philip and Mary Ann Barrett, and they live on a farm one mile south of Annapolis; Palmer Barton, born April 18, 1873, died August 29, 1875; Woodard, born October 31, 1874, died December 28th of the same year; John Edson, born December 18, 1875, died December 10, 1878; Ethel Belle, born May 9, 1878, was married at the old homestead September 4, 1901, to Joseph Zellers, by Rev. Munsey, of the United Brethren faith, and they have one daughter; Mildred Lucille, born November 14, 1906, and are living on a farm one mile north of Annapolis; Sherman Garfield, born May 2, 1880; and George Freeman, born November 23, 1882, who was married January 20, 1907, by Rev. Herchey, to Myrtle Cramer, daughter of Jesse Cramer.

Silas Hollowell is a Republican in politics, is connected with Joseph Shaw Post, No. 235, G. A. R., Annapolis, Ill., and for over fifty years has been a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, of which he is Deacon and Trustee, and of which his wife has been a member for forty years.

HOOKER, William R.—The agricultural preeminence of Illinois is widely recognized, and it is generally more than admitted that this high position is due to the faithful efforts of the farmers, and Crawford County possesses as many of them as any of the other communities. William R. Hooker, farmer on Section 23, Martin Township, is one of the old and highly respected men of his township. Mr. Hooker was born in Warren County, Ind., May 25, 1838, a son of Silas Hooker, an Indiana farmer, who was a native of North Carolina and went to Ohio with his parents at an early date. There he was reared and educated, and eventually married Mary Ann Wakeman, a native of New York, but married in Ohio. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hooker came of Dutch descent. William R. Hooker was the fifth child and third son of a family of twelve children, three of whom died in infancy, and he was born after the family moved to Warren County, Ind., where the parents resided until they died. Silas Hooker was a Whig, later a Republican, and was a very prominent man, serving for many years as Probate Judge of Warren County. He was also largely interested in stock-raising.

William R. Hooker was reared and educated in Warren County, and there grew to manhood. On October 26, 1865, he married, in Warren County, Mary M. Sale, born May 15, 1840, in Ohio, where she lived until she was thirteen, when her parents moved to Indiana. She was a daughter of John F. Sale, an Indiana farmer and local Methodist preacher, who was born and brought up in Ohio, where he married Lydia Wilkison, also a native of that State. Mr. and Mrs. Sale were the parents of six children, of whom Mrs. Hooker was the oldest daughter and second child.

Mr. Hooker farmed in Indiana until 1892, when he brought his family to Illinois, and buying 120 acres, settled on his present place, where he has made all the improvements and where he now carries on general farming and stock-raising. In 1906 oil was discovered on his property and he now has eight wells in active operation. Mr. and Mrs. Hooker have the following children: Cora E., Addie J., Hattie P. and Sylvia R.

In addition to farming, Mr. Hooker has followed the trade of blacksmithing and carpentering which he learned in Indiana, and has been very successful in every line of work. He is a Republican in politics, and he and his family are members of the Methodist Church. They are all highly esteemed in the neighborhood, where they have many friends.

HOPE, William A.—Some families gave more to the Union than others during the Civil War. It was no uncommon thing for a man and his sons to enlist, sometimes in the same regiment, but they did not all attain distinction. Considering the number of battles, it is wonderful that more of the men were not rewarded, but those who did rise through special acts of heroism are all the more revered. William A. Hope, of Palestine, Ill., belongs to a distinguished family whose name was associated with both the civic and the military history of the county. Mr. Hope was born in Blount County, Tenn., February 14, 1831, a son of Adam and Mary Jane Hope, natives of Greene County, Tenn., where the father was a farmer.

A brother, James Hope, was in the Mexican War, and also enlisted as a private in the Seventh Tennessee Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War, but afterwards raised a company of which he was made Captain on account of his bravery. He was in many battles and at Shiloh, after being wounded sixteen times, urged his men to leave him to die, believing that they would only sacrifice themselves in trying to save him. However, he was rescued and, after a painful experience in hospital, rejoined his regiment with the rank of Major.

The war record of William A. Hope is also an interesting one for he enlisted on August 12, 1862, in Company E, Ninety-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Captain Cox commanding, but meeting with a railroad accident, was sent home on September 12, 1862. As soon as he recovered he rejoined his regiment and participated in his first engagement March 1, 1863, at Hoover's Gap, Chickamauga. Mr. Hope had the misfortune to be taken prisoner, and was at Andersonville for nine months, but being exchanged, once more rejoined his regiment. He was honorably discharged, in 1865, at Springfield, Ill. With no premonition of his coming soldier life, Mr. Hope attended school in the log school house, and later

devoted his attention to farming, which he resumed after returning from the war.

On December 22, 1851, Mr. Hope married Hannah J. Tadford, a daughter of Robert A. and Rebecca (McClurg) Tadford, and they had nine children. Mrs. Hope died May 17, 1873, and on June 15, 1874, Mr. Hope married near Morea, Crawford County, Elizabeth Tadford, a sister of his first wife. Mr. and Mrs. Hope have had the following children: Frederick H., born March 9, 1875, married Lou Johnson of Montgomery County, Ohio, and sailed July 13, 1907, as a missionary to an African station, where his wife died, May 2, 1908; Marcus S., born May 29, 1876; Arta P., born May 17, 1878; Nelson A., born January 8, 1880; Chester A., born April 14, 1882; Oliver R., born June 14, 1884; Esther S., born August 26, 1886, and Erskine T., born in 1888.

Mr. Hope is a Republican, and is a member of Palestine Post, G. A. R., in which he takes a lively interest. For fifty-six years he has been a member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he is an elder, and to which his wife has belonged for forty years.

HORNING, Isaac Newton.—A successful farmer in Illinois is a man who is to be envied, for his fertile acres are a source of income to him that increases as the land grows more valuable. In Crawford County, Ill., property has increased in value very materially within the past few years, and among those who have profited by this is Isaac Newton Horning, who was born in Montgomery County, Pa., twenty-eight miles west of Philadelphia, September 11, 1841, a son of Isaac and Sarah (Warner) Horning. The father was born on a farm in Montgomery County, Pa., May 4, 1804, moved to a farm in Montgomery County, Ohio, in 1843, and in 1865 came to Hutsonville Township, Crawford County, Ill., where he died in 1885. His wife was born in Montgomery County, Pa., in 1807, and died at the home of her daughter in Hutsonville Township, in 1888.

Isaac Newton Horning went to the subscription schools in Montgomery County, Ohio, and there was reared to farm life. He was twenty-four when with his parents he came to Crawford County in 1865. The father bought 400 acres of wild land of which the subject of this sketch later bought 80 acres from his father. In 1876 he bought the 80 acres on which he now resides, this being then mostly improved. In 1877 he built on this tract a frame house which was burned in 1893, and which was replaced by his present residence, the same year also building his barn. He has two sisters, surviving: Sarah, who married and lives in Hutsonville Township; Lydia Fanny, married Manuel Furry, who died and she now lives in Hutsonville.

On August 6, 1862, Mr. Horning enlisted in Company I, Ninety-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Captain T. C. Mitchell, at Dayton, Ohio, and after serving one year was discharged on account of disability, but re-enlisted in May, 1864, in the One Hundred and Thirty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war, being mustered out at Columbus, Ohio, in December, 1865. He is now a member of the G. A. R., Thos. Markley Post, and takes a deep interest in its work. For twenty-five years he has been a member of the Christian Church. In politics he is a Republican, but has never sought public honors.

On October 18, 1866, Mr. Horning was married at Dayton, Ohio, to Mary C. Harry, born in Preble County, Ohio, near West Alexandria, May 22, 1844, and died June 22, 1907, her remains lying in the cemetery at LaMotte, Ill. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Horning were: Olive, born April 16, 1871, married Daniel Spear, who died in 1898—later she married A. E. Detwiler and they live in Chicago; Daisy, born March 20, 1873, is unmarried; Harry T., born April 20, 1876 married Elma Moore of Hutsonville Township and they live in Saxton, Scott County, Mo.; William J., born December 3, 1878, married Emma Wilson of Robinson, and they reside on a farm near town; Osey G., born September 20, 1880, is unmarried and lives at home. Mr. Horning has been a successful farmer and has gained and retained the confidence and respect of his associates and friends.

HOUSTON, Alpheus B.—Possessed of those attributes which distinguish the really great,—self-possession, alertness, resolution, patience, strength, or, to put it in fewer words, character—Alpheus B. Houston, of Robinson, Crawford County, Ill., is a man whose public career has scarcely begun, although he has already held many of the important offices of the city and county. Born in Manila, Rush County, Ind., November 16, 1844, he is a son of Joseph Washington and Sarah Jane (Brown) Houston. Joseph W. Houston was born January 1, 1813, in Maryland, and became a physician of prominence, practicing for forty years in Rush County, Ind. His wife was born in Ross County, Ohio, November 2, 1819. Dr. Houston served as surgeon during a portion of the Civil War, and was later appointed by Governor Morton, the War Governor of Indiana, to the position of Counsellor to preserve the peace of the turbulent section in which he lived.

Alpheus B. Houston received his education in the common schools of Rush County, Ind., and at the same time learned all the details of farming. His father being so prominent a man, the lad was naturally imbued with patriotism, and enlisted in Company H, Ninth Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Cavalry, December 17, 1863, when only seventeen years old. Among the engagements in which he participated were the following: Sulphur Trussels, Ala., September 25, 1864, where his brother, Cassander T., belonging to the same company, was killed; Lawrenceburg, Tenn., June 26, 1864; Elk River, Tenn., September 2, 1864; Nashville, December 15, 1864; Granny White Pike, December 16, 1864; Hollow Tree Gap, Tenn., December 17, 1864; Franklin, Tenn., De-

cember 17, 1864. At the last-named place he, single-handed, captured 125 men and a full stand of colors as the war records show. He was called to Washington for promotion for a special act of bravery at this battle, but was unable to go on account of sickness; he also fought at Little Harpeth, Tenn., and Reynolds Hill, December 25, 1864, and at Sugar Creek, December 26, 1864. After his distinguished service, he was honorably discharged at the close of the war at Vicksburg, Miss., August 8, 1865, being at that time Quartermaster Sergeant of his Company.

Mr. Houston returned to Robinson and immediately began to take an active part in public affairs, working with the Republican party. The esteem in which the people of Robinson, as well as Crawford County, held him, was shown in the fact that he was called upon to fill so many public offices. He was first elected to the office of Constable and then Sheriff of Crawford County, and after his two years occupancy of the latter office, for eight years was Deputy Sheriff and then once more served four years as Sheriff. He has also served as City Marshal of Robinson, and for three years was a member of the City Council.

On August 29, 1869, Mr. Houston married Mary Jane Hamilton, a daughter of William F. Hamilton, a farmer of Sumner, Lawrence County, Ill. Before Mr. Houston's marriage, his father-in-law had been a resident of Oblong Township, and later he returned to Crawford County, dying at Robinson. Mrs. Houston died February 20, 1873. The first of her two children lived to maturity: Ella, who married Thomas S. Apgar, had one child, and then died; the second child died in infancy. Mr. Houston was married on January 6, 1874, to Miss Lavona Myers, as his second wife, who was born in Licking County, Ohio, but was reared and educated at Robinson, Ill., and was living there at the time of her marriage. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Houston: Maud, November 12, 1874, is a graduate of Robinson High School; Alpheus Caswell, December 30, 1881; Beatrice Gerelda, November 29, 1885—all of whom are married, Maud having four boys, Alpheus two boys, and Beatrice one girl. Mr. Houston is very prominent in Henry Longenecker Post, G. A. R., and is also a member in the Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows and Modern Woodmen. The home of the Houstons, on North Franklin Street, is surrounded by the homes of their children and the family ties are very strong. Mr. Houston is not only popular as a man whose official record is without a stain, but the gallant service he rendered his country makes him a prominent figure upon all occasions when special honors are paid to the veterans of the Civil War. With his wife and children he is a consistent attendant of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

HOWE, Sylvanus.—Mr. Howe was born in Switzerland County, Ind., October 19, 1855, a son of George Oscar and America (Lillard) Howe. Until fifteen years of age, Mr. Howe attended the subscription schools of his neighborhood, but after coming to Crawford County, as soon as old enough he rented the W. T. Gordon farm of 240 acres, which he finally purchased and it is his present property.

On April 5, 1876, Mr. Howe married Mary A. Gordon, daughter of W. T. Gordon and Emeline Gordon. Mr. Gordon was born July 29, 1820, in the State of New Jersey, whence he moved to Perry County, Ohio, in boyhood. By trade he was a carpenter, and also taught school in winter. Mrs. Gordon was born in Perry County, Ohio. In 1868 the Gordon family came to Crawford County, Ill., where Mr. Gordon died December 18, 1904, aged eighty-four years, his wife having died April 9, 1860. Mr. and Mrs. Howe have had children as follows: Clifford A., born December 26, 1876, married Louise Camden, formerly of Canada (no issue), and they live in Chicago where he works at the trade of boilermaker; Abby Lillard, born September 3, 1879, married Henry K. Perrin, of Palestine, Ill., have three children, and live at Chicago Heights, near Chicago; Irving G., born March 3, 1882; Emma C., born January 23, 1886; Vernie Emeline, born October 27, 1888; John Palmer, born October 12, 1891, and William Gordon, born October 17, 1894. In politics Mr. Howe is a Prohibitionist and took a deep interest in the crusade of 1908. Fraternally he is a Modern Woodman. Mrs. Howe is a member of the Methodist Church, having joined it about forty years ago.

George Oscar Howe, father of Sylvanus Howe, was born in Dearborn County, Ind., December 31, 1833, and died April 18, 1893, at the home of his son Sylvanus. He was a stationary engineer and was employed on Mississippi River steamboats at an early day. His wife was born in Kentucky, October 20, 1847, and died September 24, 1879, in Madison, Jefferson County, Ind. Mr. and Mrs. George O. Howe had children as follows: Sylvanus; Abbie G.; Eliza Foster (deceased), was married and her one child survives; Annie Laurie, deceased; Edwin M. R., married Mary Huffman from Broad Ripple, Ind., and they have had no children.

HUGHES, James Marion.—In every community there are certain men who, by reason of wealth, natural ability or position, dominate their neighbors, either in business, political or church life, and among the residents of La Motte Township, Crawford County, who possess such distinction, may be appropriately named James Marion Hughes. Mr. Hughes was born in Montgomery Township, February 11, 1868, a son of William Ferdinand and Martha J. (Buntin) Hughes.

James Marion Hughes was educated in the public schools of Palestine, Ill., and when twenty years old he took a course in shorthand and typewriting in the Metropolitan Commercial College of Chicago. Graduating from this institution in 1889, he came to Palestine and worked on his father's farm three miles west of Palestine. On August 5, 1891, he married on the old homestead of William Fife, in La Motte Town-

ship, Mattie J. Fife, daughter of William and Martha J. (Paris) Fife, the Rev. W. D. Ralston, pastor of the United Presbyterian Church officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes have three children: Virgil William, born July 1, 1892; Miles Fife, born August 6, 1897, and James Paul, born December 3, 1906. In politics Mr. Hughes is a Republican, but he has never desired office. For about fourteen years he has been a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and is one of its most active workers, being now Ruling Elder of the church and a popular teacher in the Sunday School. Mrs. Hughes has been a member of the church for thirty years, and, like her husband, takes a deep interest in its good work.

HUGHES, William Ferdinand.—The veteran of the Civil War is an object of profound reverence and national affection, for the country fully appreciates how much he has done for it, and that the preservation of the Union is largely due to the efforts of himself and his comrades in arms. It is an easy matter at this late day to criticise the actions and purposes of those who defend the flag, but it was a different matter in the dark days of 1861-65, when to prove one's loyalty meant the imperilment of one's own life. Yet there were not lacking thousands who boldly faced this danger.

A veteran whose life has been devoted to his country, both as a soldier and a private citizen, is William Ferdinand Hughes, of La Motte Township, Crawford County, Ill. Mr. Hughes was born in Hancock County, Ky., December 22, 1841. On February 11, 1865, he enlisted in Company H, One Hundred and Fifty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Col. F. D. Stevenson commanding, and served until he was mustered out September 11, 1865. He was elected Second Lieutenant of his company and served in that capacity until it was mustered out.

Mr. Hughes is a son of Miles and Sallie (Goslee) Hughes, and a grandson of Dr. Samuel Goslee, who was born in Massachusetts, while his daughter Sallie was born near Louisville, Ky. There were the following children in the family of Miles Hughes: Samuel G., Ellen, William F., John, Margaret, James, George and Elizabeth. After the death of his first wife, Miles Hughes married Elizabeth Lewis, a daughter of Elisha Lewis, of New England, and by his second marriage there were five children: Johanna, Elizabeth (deceased), Ellen, Fannie and William L.

William F. Hughes was educated in the subscription schools of his period, and in October, 1860, came to Crawford County, settling in Martin Township. On January 3, 1867, he married Martha J. Buntin, a daughter of James and Margaret (Bratton) Buntin, who came from Kentucky to Palestine, Crawford County, when the old Fort La Motte was still standing. Mrs. Buntin was over eighty-five years old when she died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hughes, about 1890. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hughes were: James M., born in February, 1868; Effie, born in April, 1870, married Richard Hotchkiss of Canada, and they live on a farm in La Motte Township, having three sons and one daughter; Maggie, born September, 1875, married George H. Lewis, and lives in Portland, Oregon, having a son; John, born in November, 1878, married Ola Apple, and they have a son and daughter and live on a farm near Palestine. Mrs. John Hughes is a daughter of Caleb Apple, who came from Ohio.

Mr. Hughes is a Republican in politics and is a member of Alfred Harrison Post, No. 152 G. A. R.

HULSE, LaFayette.—Farming as an occupation is engaging the time and attention of men of superior attainments, for they realize that never before has the science of farming been so developed. Lafayette Hulse, a farmer and stock-raiser of Section 18, Oblong Township, Crawford County, Ill., is a man who has made farming pay, and although a young man has achieved success. He was born on his present farm May 5, 1879, a son of O. M. Hulse, also a farmer and stock-raiser, who was born in Jennings County, Ind., August 26, 1852, a son of A. J. Hulse, now deceased, was a pioneer of Oblong Township, and was born in Warren County, Ohio, where he was reared and after reaching manhood moved to Jennings County, Ind., and married Hannah Eveleth. They had two children, Myron and O. M., the former being now deceased. The first wife of A. J. Hulse died in Indiana, and he married again, his second wife being Nancy Jennings, born, reared and married in Indiana. She bore her husband seven children, and is now living in Oblong Township.

In 1868 A. J. Hulse emigrated to Illinois, crossing the Wabash River, October 9, 1871, locating in Oblong Township, where he bought 96 acres of land, improved the greater part of it and resided upon it until his death, which occurred in 1894, when he was sixty-four years old. He was a life-long Republican. O. M., in 1876, married in Oblong Township, Betsy Allen, born in Crawford County, Montgomery Township, in 1858, the daughter of William Allen. Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Hulse were the parents of the following children: Stephen, Lafayette, Carrie, Josie (deceased), Samuel, Debbie, Pearl (deceased), William, James, Hannah (deceased) and one who died in infancy, all born on the homestead. They were all educated in the district schools, and were bright, intelligent young people. The mother died in 1896, and the father married again in April, 1898, Dicea Higgins, born in Montgomery Township, daughter of George Higgins, and by her he had two children: Ruth and Silva. After his first marriage he bought 71 acres in Oblong Township, to which he added until he now owns 222 acres. In politics he is a Republican, and is serving his third term as Road Commission. He has operated a threshing machine and sawmill for thirty-two years, and is one of the most enterprising men of his community.

In 1907 oil was discovered on the home place, and there are now nineteen wells in active operation. Samuel Hulse, brother of Lafayette Hulse, who was born March 31, 1887, is operating the

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old home in conjunction with Lafayette Hulse. Samuel was married May 5, 1906, to Dessie Allen, born in Montgomery Township, Crawford County, a daughter of Dennis Allen. One child has been born to them, Cecil. Both the Hulse brothers are Republicans and they are enterprising, progressive farmers and successful young business men, who enjoy in the highest degree the confidence and respect of their neighbors.

HURST, L. C.—The prosperity of any community is measured by the standing and reliability of its representative men, and Hutsonville Township, Crawford County, is particularly fortunate in numbering among its residents some who have been in business for more than a quarter of a century, steadily building up a large trade and firmly establishing themselves in the confidence of their fellow citizens. Such a desirable condition of affairs has not been reached, however, without energetic effort, hard work and good management, and the success attained is therefore all the more creditable. Among those who have been thus successful is L. C. Hurst, who was born in Hutsonville, Ill., March 16, 1854.

Mr. Hurst attended the district school in his native town, and later entered Earlham College, at Richmond, Ind., from which he was graduated at the age of twenty-one years. At this time he was admitted to the old stablished firm of Hurst & Olwin, the firm name becoming Hurst Brothers in 1880. This business, which has been one of the leaders in its line for nearly thirty years, is devoted to general merchandising and grain trade, and commands a large patronage throughout Crawford County. Mr. Hurst is one of the wealthy and influential citizens of the County, and has the confidence and respect of all who have come in contact with him. He holds the patent and owns the land purchased by his grandfather, Major John W. Barlow, a tract of 140 acres. Although a stanch Democrat in political matters, he has never aspired to public office. He is a Campbellite in religious belief and fraternally, is connected with Woodland Camp, No. 2756, Modern Woodmen, and Robert Bruce Lodge, No. 191, Knights of Pythias of Robinson.

On November 11, 1880, Mr. Hurst was married at the residence of his bride's father, at York, Clark County, Ill., by Elder W. F. Black, deceased, who was a noted Evangelist of Chicago, to Minnie Patterson, who was born in Nelson County, Ky., September 19, 1860, a daughter of John and Susan (Gibbs) Patterson, natives of the State of Maine. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hurst: Roscoe Patterson, November 18, 1882; and Wilbur Randolph, November 11, 1885. Roscoe Patterson Hurst attended the Terre Haute (Ind.) High School, DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind., and Notre Dame University, South Bend, Ind., where he received his diploma in law, June 12, 1906. Since that time he has been engaged in the practice of his profession, in Portland, Ore. Wilbur Randolph Hurst is a graduate of Union Christian College of Merom, Ind., having graduated therefrom June 12, 1906, and he is now attending Rush Medical College, Chicago, where he is in his junior year. Mr. Hurst and family occupy as their home in the village of Hutsonville, a handsome residence, surrounded by beautiful shade trees and other improvements.

HURST, William Barlow.—The material interests of any community advance or decline according to the character of the men who conserve them. If they are men of high business principles, and are actuated by only the best of motives, if they are progressive, then does a place flourish. Probably the prosperity of Hutsonville, Crawford County, Ill., can be explained upon these grounds, for the men whose names appear among the leading citizens of the village are men who are in every way worthy of the confidence reposed in them. Among others thus prominent is W. B. Hurst, who was born in Hutsonville, April 3, 1850. Mr. Hurst attended the schools of his native village, later went to Westfield College, at Westfield, Ill., and after a term there entered the commercial college at Terre Haute, Ind. Returning to Hutsonville, he associated himself with Hurst & Olwin, general merchants and grain dealers, the firm composed of John R. Hurst, his father and John Olwin, a brother-in-law.

This partnership was formed in 1871 and continued until 1880, when the senior member, J. R. Hurst, retired, and L. C. Hurst and J. M. McNutt became partners. At this time the firm began to handle lumber in addition to other commodities, doing a large retail business. The style of the firm was Hurst, Olwin & Co., while J. M. McNutt was a son-in-law to J. R. Hurst. This style was continued until 1883, when Mr. Olwin retired, and Mr. McNutt exchanged his interest in the firm of Hurst, Olwin & Co. for the lumber business which was conducted by him, the other branch of the business being continued under the firm name of Hurst Brothers. In 1895 an elevator was erected by Hurst Brothers & McNutt for the purpose of handling grain. This branch of the business has developed into a very valuable addition to the other interests. Much of the credit for the successful prosecution of the several branches of the business is due to the management of Mr. W. B. Hurst and the liberal investments he has made in the enterprises.

On April 11, 1875, at Hutsonville, Ill., Mr. Hurst was married to Clara E. Holderman, a daughter of Jacob and Lydia (Repp) Holderman. The ceremony was performed at the residence of the bride's father by the Rev. John L. Cox, of the Baptist Church. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hurst: Lois Blanche, born March 16, 1876; John Noble, born October 3, 1884; Straud Elizabeth, born February 17, 1888; Juanita Bnoid, born October 29, 1891; Clara Adelia, born October 13, 1893. Of these, Lois B. married Charles L. Douglas of Paris, Ill., on October 8, 1902. He is engaged in the clothing business with W. B. Hurst & Co., of Hutsonville. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. L. Jones, of the Methodist Church. One daughter,

Morill, was born to them, June 29, 1903. John Noble was married May 21, 1908, to Louise Weger, daughter of John P. Weger, of Flat Rock, Ill., the Rev. Ball of Watseka, Ill., a Methodist minister, performing the ceremony. Straud Elizabeth is attending school at DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind., and is in her senior year. Juanita Bnoid is attending the Illinois Woman's College at Jacksonville, Ill., and Clara Adelia is in the High School in Hutsonville. Mr. Hurst belongs to the Methodist Church, in which he is a Trustee and of which he has been a member for eighteen years. During the many years he has been engaged in business he has accumulated considerable means, and is now one of the wealthiest citizens of the county. He is a Director of the First National Bank of Robinson, Ill., and owns several hundred acres of land divided into different farms, upon which there are substantial improvements, including residences, barns and other outbuildings. These farms are devoted to the raising of corn, wheat and hay. In addition to the above holdings, Mr. Hurst owns valuable business and residence property, besides his home on the hill overlooking the village in which he was born and where he has labored so long and so successfully. His beautiful residence is surrounded by a spacious lawn, studded with forest trees, and in it are to be found a happy family and a most gracious hospitality.

Mr. Hurst is a son of John Randolph Hurst, who was born in Goldsboro, Wayne County, N. C., August 7, 1811. His father was William while his mother was Sarah (Musgrave) Hurst. John R. Hurst married Nancy Owen Barlow, born in Hutsonville Township, Crawford County, May 5, 1818, a daughter of John W. and Elizabeth (Gordon) Barlow, both from Kentucky, who came to Crawford County in 1816. Major Barlow was a soldier in the Black Hawk War, and he and his wife took up their residence in Hutsonville Township in the year made famous by the massacre of the Hutson family by the Indians, and it was at this place that Nancy (Barlow) Hurst was born.

John R. Hurst came from North Carolina with his uncle, Nathan Musgrave, in 1823, when twelve years of age, and after three years spent in Union County came to Crawford County, Ill., and there spent the remainder of his life, founding the business his sons have since conducted. After coming to Crawford County, he began working on a farm for William Fox at forty dollars a year. Mr. and Mrs. Hurst were the parents of the following named children: John Philander, born July 22, 1837, and died September 10, 1838; Amanda, born June 15, 1839, married Isaac N. Lowe, and died March 13, 1860, when a little more than twenty years old; Artilisa Adelia, born April 21, 1841, and died February 21, 1856; Sarah, born April 19, 1844, is the widow of John McNutt and lives in Hutsonville; Rebecca Florence, born May 23, 1846, is the wife of John Olwin, of Robinson; twins (a boy and a girl), born February 26, 1846, one died March 3d and the other March 5th, following: William B., and Lucius C., born March 16, 1854; twins (a boy and a girl) born November 13, 1857, the latter died November 15th and the former November 21st, same year; Charles, born October 19, 1861, and died September 4, 1863; and Tonie, born July 20, 1866, and died September 4, 1866.

John R. died October 7, 1886, aged seventy-five years and two months. The funeral services were held upon the grounds of his residence, the old homestead, and were attended by a large concourse of people, universal sorrow being felt at the taking away of this old and honored pioneer. The respect felt was manifested by the closing of all places of business during the funeral, three of them being heavily draped in mourning. The services were conducted by the Revs. John L. Cox and W. T. Gordon, and the remains were interred in the New Cemetery of the place he was instrumental in building, and in which he resided for so many years. His widow survived him until July 21, 1900, when she, too, passed away, and was laid to rest by his side. At the time of her death, Mrs. Hurst was eighty-two years, two months and sixteen days old.

It is in the records of such people as these that the student gains true inspiration. Brave deeds upon the battle fields, or brilliant oratory on the floor of the legislative halls may awaken enthusiasm, but after all, the real back-bone of a country is to be found in the deeds of the quiet, substantial people who pursue their daily tasks, cheerfully and patiently performing whatever is set before them, and who, little by little, build up great monuments to their credit, even more lasting than those carved from granite, gratifying as these may be. The good accomplished by John and Nancy Hurst will never die as long as Crawford County lives. Their memories are tenderly enshrined in the hearts of those who have descended from them, and those who have profited from their charity and public spirit.

INBODEN, J. W., who for many years has been one of the progressive farmers of Crawford County, Ill., residing on Section 10, Oblong Township, was born in Perry County, Ohio, April 18, 1844, a son of George W. Inboden, who was born in Virginia and by trade was a stone-mason. He was married in Ohio to Margaret Fisher, a native of Ohio, and they became the parents of children as follows: Hannah; Joseph; J. W.; Daniel; Melissa; Henry; Martin L., and Rachel, all deceased except J. W. Inboden.

Coming to Crawford County with his uncle, Daniel Moyer, J. W. Inboden lived with his uncle until the latter's death, when the lad was only twelve, and then hired out to Foster Donald, with the understanding that he was to work on the farm in the summer and go to school in the winter. Later he went to the home of James Wood, but in two months' time entered the home of Fred Bachley and remained there one winter. By this time he had grown older, studied some and knew considerable about farming, and in partnership with a Mr. Ginter, he rented land for a year.

During the first year of the Civil War, Mr. In-

boden enlisted in the Sixty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, the commander of his company being Capt. Crooks and his regimental commander Col. James M. True. From Anna, Ill., the regiment was ordered to Columbus, Ky., then to Paducah, and from there to Crockett, Tenn. Later it served at Jackson, Tenn.; Holly Springs, Miss.; Clifton Landing, Jackson and Memphis, Tenn.; Helena, Little Rock and Pine Bluff, Ark.; and Fort Gibson, Ind. Ty. At Little Rock, Ark., on December 27, 1863, he reenlisted as a veteran in his old company and regiment, in which he served until his final discharge at Springfield, Ill., on March 6, 1866, in the meantime being promoted first to Corporal and then to Sergeant, holding the latter position until the end of his term of service. Then returning home he rented land for two years, when he married and commenced working by the month at farming, thus continuing nine years, when he bought his present property of eighty acres, which he cleared and improved.

In June, 1905, Mr. Inboden leased his land to Mr. Seibert, who later sold his leases to the Minnetonka, the Wabash and the Red Bank Oil Companies. In April, 1906, the Minnetonka Company drilled the first well on this land, and now Mr. Inboden has four oil-producing wells on his farm.

On March 26, 1867, Mr. Inboden was married in Crawford County, to Mary A. Carter, a daughter of Joseph Carter, a farmer of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Inboden have had children as follows: George and Eli (deceased), Joanna, Ulysses S., Theodore, John, Ira, Carrie, Homer, Arthur and Otho, the last two being deceased. Mr. Inboden has been a Republican during all of his political life. He is a member of the United Brethren Church, in which he has served as Treasurer and one of its Trustees.

JAMES, Luther Elmer, D. D. S.—The science of dentistry is becoming more and more complicated every day, with all the new discoveries, changing methods, and the greater skill that is required to apply them. Dr. Luther Elmer James of Oblong, Crawford County, Ill., is one of the leading representatives of his profession in this locality. He was born December 4, 1873, in Oblong, which has always been his home, a son of Martin Luther and Elizabeth (Wright) James. His paternal grandfather was Levi James, one of Crawford County's early settlers. The father was born November 17, 1838, near Bellefontaine, Logan County, Ohio, while the mother was born in Rush County, Ind., June 8, 1842. Martin Luther James is a pioneer of Crawford County, having come there with his parents in 1845, and has been in the undertaking business at Oblong for a quarter of a century. In August, 1861, he enlisted as a private in Company D, Thirtieth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Markley, and was promoted to rank of Second Lieutenant. He was wounded in the knee at the siege of Vicksburg, and lay in McPherson hospital, in the rear of the town. However, his patriotism and youth aided him in a rapid recovery, and he rejoined his regiment in time to participate in a number of battles and other engagements. Those in which he took part during his term of service included the battle of Belmont, the capture of Fort Henry and Fort Donelson, Siege of Corinth, Britton Lane, Siege of Vicksburg and Siege of Atlanta, and then went on the famous March to the Sea. After his long and brave service, he had the honor of participating in the Grand Review at Washington and was mustered out in July, 1865, at Louisville, Ky. Although he endured so much in those stirring times, at seventy years of age, in 1908, he is hale and hearty, prosperous in business, and a great favorite in Albert Wood Post, No. 175, G. A. R.

After attending school, when seventeen years old, Dr. James became a clerk in Oblong Postoffice, and in 1893 entered the Medical Department of the Northwestern University at Chicago, from which he graduated with the degree of D. D. S. on April 6, 1896. On the first of the following month, Dr. James leased his handsome suite of rooms in Oblong, where he has been very successfully engaged in the practice of his profession ever since.

On September 6, 1894, Dr. James was married in Oblong to Miss Sarah L. Hill, daughter of John Hill, a pioneer, now deceased, but who is survived by his widow. After fourteen years of married life, Mrs. James died March 21, 1908, leaving a daughter, Vessa Neona, born July 6, 1895, now in the seventh grade of school, a charming, bright little one. Dr. James is a Republican in politics, and for two years served as Village Clerk. Fraternally he is a Mason, and also belongs to the Sons of Veterans, of which he was elected Lieutenant-Colonel for the Illinois Division in 1898. Outside his other interests, Dr. James is Director in the First National Bank of Oblong.

In the death of Mrs. James the community lost a beautiful and noble character, while the loss to her husband and children cannot be adequately described. She was a member of the First Christian Church of Oblong, as also is her husband, and she died firm in her faith.

JEWELL, Alpheus.—Those who have cleared their own land and seen it gradually develop from an almost worthless condition into property for which they have refused a fancy price, appreciate the changes that the past half-century has effected in Crawford County. Alpheus Jewell was born in Kentucky, May 23, 1859. His father William Benjamin Jewell, now deceased, was a native of the same State, where he was reared and married Ruth E. Darnold, also a native of Kentucky, and daughter of William C. Darnold. In early manhood William Jewell taught the only school of his Township, and at the same time engaged in farming. He and his wife became the parents of six children: Laura, Francis Marion, Drusilla C. and Mary B. (twins), Albert (deceased), and Alpheus, who was third in order of birth.

In 1866 the family came to Crawford County,

and located in Honey Creek Township, where the father bought 80 acres of land. the greater part of which was covered with timber. This land he cleared, and later added to his acreage until he was owner of 120 acres at the time of his death, which occurred on the homestead in his sixtieth year. He was a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Missionary Church in religious faith.

Alpheus Jewell was educated in the primitive schools of his neighborhood, where he was thoroughly grounded in the common branches, working on the farm during vacations and after he finished school until his marriage, which took place January 1, 1880, to Polly Ann Dunlap, born in Honey Creek Township, the daughter of Thomas Dunlap, now deceased, who was one of the pioneer farmers of the Township, and died while in service during the Civil War. Mr. and Mrs. Jewell have had three children: Ida, deceased; Ausie and Roy, all born in the present home. When Mr. Jewell married he moved onto 40 acres of his present farm, which he cleared. From time to time he has bought more land and now has a very fertile farm of 200 acres, which he devotes to general farming and stock-raising. He has made all of the improvements, and has a comfortable residence and commodious barns. A gas well has been opened on the property which adds to its value. As a Democrat he has been active in township affairs, and has served very acceptably as Highway Commissioner for three years. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and he and his wife are consistent members of the United Brethren Church. Industrious, thrifty, a good manager, and a hard worker, Mr. Jewell has accumulated his present property through his own efforts, and has every reason to feel proud of his success.

JOHNSON, Robert Daniel.—The oil interests of Crawford County are becoming, year by year, more important until the county has now become even better known for its oil-fields than for its farming enterprises. Among those fortunate enough to own land in the oil belt is Robert Daniel Johnson, who has a farm of 133 acres in Robinson Township. He was born in Rush County, Ind., August 6, 1847, a son of Hamilton Johnson who was born in Owen County, Ky., June 9, 1810. The father moved to Rush County, Ind., about 1844, and began farming there. He remained in that locality about ten years, and then, in 1854, located in Robinson Township, and there bought 80 acres of land. His death occurred in Robinson, in February, 1879. On August 20, 1861, he enlisted in Company D, Thirtieth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Capt. Thomas Markley commanding. After participating in the engagements of Belmont and Forts Henry and Donelson, he was discharged on account of general disability, and returned home. He was mustered out in April, 1864.

The following children were born to Hamilton Johnson: Margaret, born June 19, 1832, married Milton Rader, a farmer, and they live in Rush County, Ind.; Elizabeth (now deceased), who was born June 8, 1833, married William Curtley, and they had three sons and one daughter; Gilly, born May 11, 1835, married Joseph Heck, and they have two sons and two daughters, and live in Rush County, Ind.; Salome, born January 1, 1837, married Calvin Newlin, and they had two sons and four daughters—both parents now being deceased, while the children reside at Arkansas City, Kan.; Martitia, born February 9, 1839, married Joshua Newlin (now deceased), they had one son and four daughters, and she now resides at Arkansas City, Kan.; Mary T., born March 17, 1841, married Clark Newlin, and they had one son and three daughters, she being now deceased, while her husband resides in the northern part of Hutsonville Township; William H., born April 7, 1843, married Elizabeth Wilson, daughter of Lewis and Margaret A. Wilson, and they have four sons living and one daughter deceased; Nancy J., born May 7, 1845, married James S. Brown, they have seven children and live in Kildare, Okla.; Robert D.; Thomas E., born July 7, 1849, died when one year old; Gabriel A., born February 1, 1851, married Martha Brown, daughter of Smith and Mary Brown, farmers, they have two sons and four daughters and live at Alva, Okla.; Henry Clay, born February 16, 1854, died unmarried in Texas when twenty-four years of age.

Robert Daniel Johnson attended school in Science Hall in Robinson Township, and also the district school at Rock Bluff in Crawford County. On March 15, 1877, he married Sarah J. Wilson, daughter of Lewis and Margaret Wilson, farmers of Crawford County, living in Robinson Township. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have had children as follows: Emma A., born October 30, 1877, married Cornelius Stevenson a farmer in Robinson Township, they have three sons and one daughter; Warren A., born July 3, 1880, married Hattie Cleveland, daughter of Henry and May (Kenney) Cleveland, they have one son; Oca W., born June 21, 1884, married Joy Hyre of Crawford County, but they have no issue; Gentry D., born February 10, 1887.

In politics Mr. Johnson is a Republican. For twenty-eight years he has been a member of the United Brethren Church, and his wife is also a member of the same denomination. His farm consists of 133 acres which he has leased to the Ohio Oil Company, and in 1909 they are to commence drilling for oil.

Mrs. Johnson is one in a family of five children born to her parents, namely: John, born June 14, 1841, married Clara Bowen of Westfield, Ill., and they have three daughters and one son, of whom Mary and Sabina are deceased; Edith married Everet Price and is now living near Portersville, while the son, Lawrence Wilson, married Alice Stanfield and they have a daughter, Clara; Mrs. Johnson; Elizabeth A., married William H. Johnson, they live at Robinson and have four sons living, and one daughter deceased; Margaret E. married Daniel Bond

James Shipman & family.

(now deceased), they had four sons and two daughters and she lives in Oblong, Crawford County; David C., married Catherine Collins, they live in Robinson and have two daughters and one son living, and two sons deceased.

Mrs. Wilson is living with her daughter, Mrs. Johnson, and although ninety-two, she is in remarkably good health and possesses an excellent memory of things which occurred many years ago. She was born May 21, 1816. Her husband, Mr. Wilson, born in 1813, died September 13, 1877, sixty-four years of age. He came to Crawford County in 1850, from Morgan County, Ohio, and entered government land, paying $1.25 per acre. At that time the county was in a wild condition. Mr. Wilson helped to build one of the first schoolhouses in Crawford County, which was of logs and located in Robinson Township.

Both the Johnson and the Wilson families played very important parts in the development and improvement of the county, and the children of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have every reason to be proud of the stock from which they have sprung, for its representatives have always possessed those sterling traits of character that are better than riches—viz.: honesty, industry and economy.

JOHNSON, William (deceased), who for many years served as Deputy Sheriff of Crawford County, Ill., was born in that county, September 19, 1822, and was reared on a farm, receiving but a limited education. A stock-dealer for many years, Mr. Johnson handled a large amount of stock, and operated his farm which was a portion of the 234 acres entered by his father from the Government in what is now Montgomery Township, in 1818. His father was born in Kentucky, in 1775, and in 1803 married Nancy McCarty, who was born in 1784, and they came to Crawford County, Ill., April 9, 1818. Mr. Johnson was elected Sheriff of Crawford County in 1862, on the Democratic ticket, Circuit Clerk in 1864, in 1876 was again elected Sheriff, and in 1882 was appointed Deputy Sheriff, which position he retained for many years. In 1848 he married Martha J. Ford, of Crawford County, and they became the parents of nine children: Price, Lauretta, Frank P., Amelia, Carroll, Luduskey, Martha, William D. and Maud.

JONES, Hon. Alfred Hanby.—There are some men to whom come honors as their just due, either through business, social or political sources. To be singled out for political preferment signifies much. It is a recognition of the personal and political prominence of the recipient and an indication that he has already rendered public service worthy of reward. Mr. Jones' political career is one of which his county may well feel proud. Born on his father's farm in Honey Creek Township, Crawford County, July 4, 1850, a son of John M. and Elizabeth Jones, his first literary instruction was received in the common school of his district, after which he attended college at Westfield, Ill., and later went to the National Normal School at Lebanon, Ohio. After finishing his course in the latter institution, he was engaged in teaching for a time in the public schools, but in 1873 began the study of law in the office of Callahan & Jones, and was admitted to the Bar in 1875. The following year he was appointed to fill an unexpired term as State's Attorney for Crawford County, creditably discharging the duties of that office. In 1877 he entered into partnership with Hon. E. Callahan, the firm being now known as Callahan, Jones & Lowe. He has served one term as Representative in the State Legislature (1886-88); for several years was a member of the Republican State Central Committee and for thirty years has served as Chairman of the Republican Central Committee for Crawford County. On October 15, 1899, he was appointed by Governor Tanner State Food Commissioner, was re-appointed by Governor Yates in July, 1902, and again by Governor Deneen in 1906. The credit of organizing the State Food Commission under the act adopted in 1899 thus devolved upon him, and the satisfactory manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office is attested by his repeated appointment to the same position. The main office is located in No. 1619 Manhattan Building, Chicago. Here it requires thirty people to carry on the work of the Department; sixteen inspectors, one chief clerk, and three assistant clerks, one attorney, six chemists and three stenographers. The department also has a branch office at Robinson, where the legal work of the department receives attention, being conducted by Mr. Jones.

For three years Mr. Jones was President of the National Association of the State Dairy and Food Departments of the United States. Although his duties are many, he has always found time to be of assistance in home enterprises and the cause of education, and he has served for fifteen years on the City School Board, was President of the Board of Trustees of the Eastern Illinois Normal School at Charleston during the erection and completion of its buildings, and has also served in the Robinson City Council for sixteen years. He helped organize Robinson's First National Bank, of which institution he is now a Director. Mr. Jones was a delegate to the Republican National Conventions of 1896 at St. Louis and of 1908 at Chicago. He is regarded as a capable financier and a good citizen.

Mr. Jones has been married twice, his first wife having been Miss Ella M. Thompson of Kentland, Ind., to whom he was married in 1872. Two years later she died leaving him with one child, Gustavus. On November 26, 1878, he married Miss Catherine A. Beals, of Pickerington, Ohio, and they had one child, Roscoe, who lived but three years. Mr. Jones is one of the large property owners of Robinson, in addition to his beautiful home on King Street, being the owner of eleven of the brick business blocks around the square and many acres of rich farming land. In his religious affiliations he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and during the erection of the new church edifice in Robinson

he served as Chairman of the Building Committee. Several of the fraternal organizations count him as a leading member, and he is remarkably popular with all classes, and his public service is widely appreciated throughout the State.

JONES Everett Leonidas.—The rich black acres of the Illinois farms testify to the prosperity of the owners, and to their industry, thrift and enterprise. Many of the farmers of this State are men of education, some of them professional men, who have returned to the farm, preferring its freedom and out door life to the more confining exactions of city duties. Residing on his fine farm of 197 acres in Honey Creek Township, Crawford County, Ill., Everett Leonidas Jones, a member of the Crawford County Bar, finds nothing to regret in the decision which resulted in his engaging in farming and stock-raising.

Mr. Jones was born in Honey Creek Township, Crawford County, May 3, 1868, a son of James William and Rachel Jones, both born in Honey Creek Township, where the father engaged in farming. After completing a common school course, he entered Otterbein University, at Westerville, Ohio, and attended it for three years, when he began teaching school. For three years he continued teaching, when he began the study of law in the office of Callahan, Jones & Lowe, and after two years was admitted to the Bar in 1895. For four years Mr. Jones carried on a lucrative practice in Danville, but then went back to the farm on which his early life had been spent, and located on his present property in Honey Creek Township. His house is commodious, and his barn and outbuildings are in excellent order. He carries on general farming and makes a specialty of raising a good grade of cattle and hogs.

On December 11, 1895, Mr. Jones was married in Montgomery Township to Stella Richey, a daughter of John S. Richey, who was born in Pennsylvania, while his wife was born in Meigs County, Ohio. Mr. Richey was a farmer and local Methodist preacher. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Jones are: William Hanby, born October 13, 1896; Paul Leonidas, born December 27, 1898; John Lorin, born August 15, 1901, died July 26, 1903; Theodore Russell, born July 17, 1904. Mr. Jones has been a member of the Methodist Church for two years, in which he is very active, now being Superintendent of the Sunday School. In politics he is a Republican.

JONES, Henry Franklin, M. D.—Of all the learned professions, that of the physician and surgeon stands highest and is the most exacting. Never is the physician through with his studies and discoveries. After the most rigorous training, hospital experience and constant reading, he spends the remainder of his life adding to his knowledge and increasing the scope of his usefulness. Dr. Henry Franklin Jones, of Flat Rock, Crawford County, Ill., who is one of the experienced and reliable physicians and surgeons of his county, was born in Flat Rock, September 10, 1853, a son of John Miller and Elizabeth (Ford) Jones, the former born December 25, 1815, and the latter on December 25, 1818. The farmer father gave his son a good early education and training, and then permitted him to attend the Normal School at Robinson, Ill.

When but seventeen years of age he commenced teaching school, and having obtained a first-grade certificate, thus continued for four years. In 1873 he went to California remaining there during the summer when he went to Texas for the winter, and there remained until July of the following year. Then returning to California, for four years he was engaged in the stock and real estate business, in which he was successful. Being attracted towards the medical profession he went to the University of Louisville, Ky., from which he was graduated in 1885, with the degree of M. D., at thirty-two years of age, and in the following year began practice, 1886.

Dr. Jones belongs to the County, State and National Medical Associations as well as the Aesculapian and Medical Societies, and for the past twelve years has held the office of United States Pension Examiner. He is a member of the Masonic Order, an Odd Fellow, Knight of Pythias, Modern Woodmen, Royal Neighbor and Modern American. In politics he is a Republican, and a Methodist in religious belief, holding the position of Trustee in his church, of which he has been a member for thirty years.

On April 10, 1878, Dr. Jones married Miss Ella Kuhn, a daughter of John and Sarah (Shewman) Kuhn of Eldorado, Ohio, and to them a daughter, Ethel, was born, March 23, 1879, who married Lemuel Faucett. Mrs. Jones died January 22, 1883, and on January 1, 1890, Dr. Jones married as his second wife, Miss Martha E. Cullom, daughter of John E. and Martha Cullom, who are relatives of Senator Cullom and reside in Robinson, Ill. Dr. Jones and his present wife have had the following children: Boyce, born November 10, 1891; Agnes, born February 2, 1897, and Martha Elizabeth, born November 20, 1908.

JONES, J. William.—Stories of pioneer life read like fiction in these days of advanced civilization, and yet they are true in every detail. Too much credit cannot be given to those who were brave enough to face the perils and hardships of pioneer life and make possible the development that followed. One of the families that did more than its part in the improvement of Crawford County is that one to which William Jones belongs. Mr. Jones was born in the County, one and a quarter miles west of Flat Rock, Ill., June 30, 1839, a son of John Miller and Elizabeth (Ford) Jones. John M. Jones was born in Butler County, Ohio, December 25, 1815, and came to Crawford County about 1832, entering 140 acres west of Flat Rock, in the timber. The wild game caused these early pioneers much trou-

ble, and the only way to protect the crops was to surround them with a fence of pointed sticks. John M. Jones died in 1887, and his wife, who was born in Kentucky, December 25, 1818, died in 1881.

William Jones attended the subscription school, held in a log house, with a ten foot chimney that would take an eight foot back log. The upper floor was laid with split poles and the cracks between were filled with clay. This was all right as long as the weather was good, but when it rained or snowed, the moisture coming through the cabined roof would turn the clay into mud and the faces and clothing of both children and teacher suffered. The only light came through oiled paper in the windows. Split slabs were used for both seats and desks, but in this primitive school Mr. Jones was thoroughly grounded in the common branches, and himself taught for ten years in the country schools. Later he went to Westfield College at Westfield, Ill. Mr. Jones enlisted August 14, 1862, in Company E, Ninety-eighth Illinois Mounted Infantry and was discharged July 7, 1865. He participated in all the engagements of his command, was promoted from private to Sergeant and later to Orderly Sergeant.

In politics Mr. Jones is a Republican, but has never aspired to any public office, although he is interested in anything calculated to prove of benefit to the community. He belongs to Harrison Post, G. A. R., of Palestine. For forty-two years he has been a consistent member of the United Brethren Church of which his wife is also a member.

On April 11, 1866, Mr. Jones was married at the residence of his father-in-law, one and three-quarter miles west of Flat Rock, to Rachael Jane Thompson, daughter of William and Margaret Thompson, natives of Tennessee, who became pioneers of Crawford County. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Jones were: Orville Ellsworth, born April 12, 1867, married Anna Higgins, daughter of George Higgins, and they have two children—Roscoe and Lyman, one having died in infancy; Everett Lincoln, born July 3, 1868, married Estella Richey, daughter of John Richey, and their children are, William, Paul and Theodore; Ella, unmarried.

JONES, William C., was born July 15, 1848, at Hutsonville, Crawford County, Ill. His father was Caswell Jones, a merchant of that place, who died March 24, 1853. His mother was Mary Jones, whose maiden name was Mary Barlow. His mother remarried to Hon. E. Callahan, and the family removed to Robinson, Ill., in the summer of 1861. He was educated in the common schools of Crawford County and at the Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, and attended the law department of the University of Michigan in 1867-68. He was admitted to the practice of law on May 8, 1868, and immediately formed a partnership with Hon. E. Callahan, which continued until the year 1877. In 1871 and 1872 he was a member of the Twenty-seventh General Assembly of Illinois. In 1877 he was elected County Judge and in 1879 he was elected to the judgeship of the Second Judicial Circuit of Illinois. To this latter position he was re-elected in 1885, his term expiring in 1891. During his term as County Judge, in connection with Judge Cunningham, he published "Jones and Cunningham's Practice in County Courts," Flood & Company, publishers, Chicago. This work has passed through three editions, and is still standard. In 1897 he was appointed, by Gov. John R. Tanner, Judge of the Court of Claims, and served a period of four years.

In 1891 he formed a partnership for the practice of law with Hon. E. E. Newlin, Judge J. C. Eagleton being admitted to the firm two years later. This firm continued in business until 1897, when Mr. Newlin was elected to the judgeship of the Second Judicial Circuit, and the firm was reorganized under the name of Jones, Eagleton & Newlin. Mr. T. J. Newlin retiring from the firm in 1900, Mr. Edward S. Baker was admitted as a partner. This firm continued for a year when it was reorganized as Jones, McCarty & Arnold, Mr. George D. McCarty and William W. Arnold being the partners, which firm continued until June 15, 1903, when failing eye-sight caused the senior member of the firm to retire from practice. Since that time he has devoted himself exclusively to his private business. In 1893 he published the "Elements and Science of English Versification," a work which was well received by the public, and is still recognized as a standard. This same year he also published "Birch Rod Days," and other poems.

Mr. Jones has been active in building Robinson, and has always taken a great interest in his town and county. On the 25th of November, 1869, he was married to Mary H. Steel, daughter of James H. and Emily J. Steel. They have three children: Caswell S. Jones, who is vice-president and one of the directors of the First National Bank of Robinson, Ill., Dorothea J. Crebs, whose husband, Stewart L. Crebs, is cashier and director of the National bank of Carmi, Ill., and William C. Jones, Jr., who organized the Jones Clothing & Shoe Company in 1903, and is manager of the same.

Mr. Jones is a member of the Gorin Commandery No. 14, Knights Templar, Olney, Ill.; is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Robinson, Ill., and has affiliated with the Democratic party since he became a voter.

KENT, Henry B.—Honey Creek Township, Crawford County, Ill., is considered by many the very garden spot of the world, so well favored is it. Not only do crops produce in gratifying abundance, but of late new sources of wealth have been discovered and many farmers are becoming wealthy through the development of oil-wells on their property. Farming, however, continues to be the predominating industry, and Henry B. Kent is one who has made a success of farming and stock-raising. Mr. Kent was born on his present farm, January 22, 1859, a son of

Milton Kent (now deceased), a farmer of Honey Creek Township, who was born in Ohio and there became a farmer and carpenter. Milton Kent married in Ohio Mary E. Falkner, a native of Pennsylvania but reared in Ohio, where her parents located when she was a child. After marriage Milton and wife came to Crawford County, Ill., and settled in Oblong Township, but two years later removed to Honey Creek, and there Mr. Kent bought 80 acres of land the greater part of which was in timber. He cleared this property, placed it under cultivation, made other improvements upon it. From time to time he added to his acreage until at the time of his demise he was the owner of 155 acres. He and his wife became the parents of seven children—five sons and two daughters—all born in Honey Creek Township except the oldest, who was born in Oblong Township.

Henry B. Kent is the third son and fourth child of his parents. His education was received in the district schools, and he was reared to manhood upon his present property. On October 12, 1889, he married Marie Caspingar, who was born in Lawrence County, Ill., and there reared. Mr. and Mrs. Kent are the parents of four children: Joseph, William, Henry and Grace, all born on the present homestead. Mr. Kent inherited 80 acres of his father's estate, and to this has added until he now owns 120 acres, a portion of which he has cleared, and has made improvements upon all of it. Like his father before him, he is a Democrat and a member of the Methodist Church.

KINCAID, Stewart (deceased).—Called away from an active career in the very prime of life, Stewart Kincaid naturally left much undone, but he left behind in the hearts of his family the memory of a kindly, Christian gentleman, one whose purpose was to make of his life something worthy to be remembered, and to increase the happiness of those about him. He was possessed of many excellent qualities which those who knew and loved him best fully appreciated, and, although more than a quarter of a century has now passed since his demise, he is still affectionately recalled, not only in his immediate circle, but by those who were his neighbors. Mr. Kincaid was born in Fountain County, Ind., August 31, 1841, a son of Alexander Kincaid, who came to Crawford County in 1841, bringing his family with him in a wagon. The household goods were shipped by boat down the Wabash River. Arriving in Crawford County, Alexander Kincaid settled six miles south of Palestine, Ill., where he bought 80 acres of timber land, including a small two-room log house. With characteristic personal energy and with the help of hired labor, he cleared off his land and improved it. His wife, Lucinda Jennie, was born in Vermont, and they were married on November 29, 1840, and became the parents of six children.

Stewart Kincaid was brought by his parents to Illinois while an infant, and was reared in Crawford County, attending what was then called the Logan school. When he became old enough he assisted his father on the farm, and remained with him until he attained his majority. At that time he bought property of his own, and there his family still resides.

On May 21, 1865, Mr. Kincaid married Lydia Ann Fuller, a daughter of Isaac and Nancy (Shaw) Fuller, the latter being a daughter of Joseph and Narcissa Shaw. Mr. and Mrs. Kincaid became the parents of six children: George P., born May 15, 1866; Samuel T., born July 17, 1867; Nelson R., born March 14, 1870, died July 5, 1895; Charles E., born October 3, 1871; Theron Rush, born March 29, 1873, and Stewart W., born October 12, 1875.

Mr. Kincaid was killed by a horse on August 26, 1875. He went into the barn to unharness his horses, but some hours having passed without his return to the house, Mrs. Kincaid became alarmed and went to look for him. The shock can well be imagined when she found him lying dead with the prints of the horse's hoofs on his chest. In his death the neighborhood lost a most worthy citizen and his family a devoted husband and father. During his active manhood, Mr. Kincaid was a farmer and stockman on Section 25, Montgomery Township.

George P. Kincaid married Mattie Self, daughter of Thomas Self, a farmer of Crawford County, Indiana, and is a blacksmith at Heathville, Ill. Samuel T., after attending the same school as his parents, now known as the Wheeler School, married Eliza Jane Browning, daughter of Elias and Ellen (Kent) Browning. She also attended the Wheeler School, and their childish affection matured into a love that resulted in their marriage, October 1, 1888. They are the parents of these children: Harold B., born April 22, 1890; Graydon E., born September 5, 1892; Tura E., born August 12, 1895; Tressa A., born January 24, 1898; Stewart Miles, born March 10, 1902; and Marshall, born December 7, 1905. Harold is attending college at Merom, Ind., while the rest are at school at home. Charles E. married Florence Cawthorn, June 6, 1897, at Bradford, White County, Ark., and they are the parents of two children: Ethel Alma, born February 11, 1899; Oscar W., born June 23, 1904. Charles E. now resides in Wayne County, Ill., near Johnsonville. Theron Rush married Flora Belle Seaney, daughter of Leander Seaney, September 18, 1898. They live in Wayne County, Ill., and are the parents of children as follows: Clem, born June 23, 1899; Frances May, born May 2, 1901; Nelson Bryan, born September 28, 1903; Hazel A., born September 3, 1905, and a boy, born December 4, 1907. Stewart W. married Lenora Mann, August 29, 1904. She is the daughter of Allen Mann of Robinson, Ill. They have two children: Myrtle Rochelle, born October 25, 1901, and Stewart Allen, born April 19, 1907. Stewart W. is a lawyer, and resides at Paris, Ill.

KINCAID, Willoughby.—The farming interests of Crawford County occupy the time and atten-

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tion of many of the most representative citizens of their locality, whose energy and thrift have played so important a part in the development and advancement of their locality. Probably no section of the State is more richly endowed by nature for the successful prosecution of agricultural pursuits than this locality, and intelligent men have not been slow to grasp the opportunities offered. Among those who have made farming pay well upon their investment is Willoughby Kincaid of Section 25, Montgomery Township, a farmer and stockman. He was born in the township in which he now resides, October 16, 1866, a son of Edward Kincaid, also a native of Crawford County.

Willoughby Kincaid was reared and educated in his native township, and when not in school worked on his father's farm. On May 4, 1887, he married Alice Shaw, a daughter of Joseph and Lydia E. Shaw. Mrs. Kincaid was born and reared in the county. The children born to them are: Leona, born February 5, 1888; Virgil, born February 21, 1891, died December 18, 1907; Joseph Edward, born June 10, 1894; Amy, born March 2, 1896; Homer, born November 18, 1897, and Grace, born December 12, 1902.

Immediately after his marriage Mr. Kincaid moved to his own farm, and his family still reside there. Their first dwelling contained two rooms, and the farm consisted of 50 acres, which Mr. Kincaid improved. He afterwards bought the old homestead, and moved the house to his original farm, and also made additions to it. He purchased 40 acres of the homestead farm, and now owns 92½ acres, all in excellent condition, and devotes his attention to general farming and stock-raising.

Mr. Kincaid has voted the Democratic ticket since reaching manhood, and is a member of the Union Christian Church, as also are his family, and of which he is a Trustee. Fraternally, he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America at Heathville, Ill., and is now Treasurer of his lodge. Mr. Kincaid has a blacksmith shop on his property and for twelve years has followed the trade of blacksmithing, making a specialty of horse-shoeing. Owing to their superior grade, his Jersey cattle and French coach-horses meet with a ready sale at fancy prices wherever offered.

KING, Henry W., for many years a farmer of Robinson Township, was born at Mount Vernon, N. Y., December 31, 1815, a son of Joel and Lulu (Loy) King, he born January 22, 1774, in Massachusetts, and she in New York. They were married May 4, 1797. Joel King was a farmer and later a shoemaker. He and his wife had ten children, of whom Henry W. was the youngest. The marriage of Henry W. King occurred at Lexington, Ky., when he was united to a Miss Utley, daughter of John Utley. After marriage he engaged in merchandising in Cincinnati, under the firm name of King, Shipley & Co., which house later became King, Corwin & Co. Selling his interests in 1860, for the following nine years Mr. King clerked in Cincinnati, and then in the latter year came to Robinson Township, where he bought property and later made investments in Casey Township, Clark County, and in Jasper County, and when he died left a large estate. Mr. King was a Democrat in political faith.

KING, Ira (deceased), for many years a prosperous farmer of Robinson Township, Crawford County, was born in New York State, January 22, 1822. His parents brought him to Illinois when he was a child, and they settled in Edgar County, where his father died. Later, in 1829, his mother brought her family to Crawford County, which was his home until his death. The family settlement was made seven miles west of Robinson. Mr. King became possessed of considerable property, owning at one time 120 acres in one farm and 80 acres in another in Robinson Township; 400 acres in Oblong Township; 3,000 acres of uncultivated land in the Embarras River bottom, as well as a $10,000 residence in Robinson. In June, 1846, Mr. King married Caroline Beckwith, of Crawford County, who bore him three children: Eliza, Mary and Horace F., who lived to maturity, and Sophia E. and Annis, who died earlier in life.

KIRK, David W.—Proper credit will scarcely be given to the bravery, the persistence and the endurance of the pioneers until what they accomplished is fully appreciated. They not only made long and dangerous journeys to reach their backwoods homes, but located upon land which, if not covered with timber or under water, was unbroken, and every foot of sod had to be turned over before seed could be planted. On the land they secured through so much hardship, they erected cabins of logs in which they often spent the remainder of their lives without many of the conveniences which those of a later generation now regard as actual necessities. However, their labors were not in vain. Close upon their trail came railroads, factories, towns and cities. Where once stood their little log houses are now either flourishing towns or well cultivated farms, with substantial houses, expensive barns and neat fences. The pioneer established schools to educate his children; he founded churches to minister to his spiritual needs, and died as he lived, an honest, hard-working, thrifty man, who sowed that others might reap.

Of such stock comes David W. Kirk, who resides on his well planned farm of 253 acres in Robinson Township, Crawford County. He was born in Licking County, Ohio, March 6, 1833, a son of William and Anna (Swisher) Kirk, both of whom were born in Licking County, Ohio, the former on November 3, 1807, and the latter, February 21, 1809. The family emigrated to Illinois, and on September 1, 1851, settled in Crawford County, purchasing 600 acres of land which were subsequently developed.

Attending district school in the winter and working on the farm in the summer, David W. Kirk passed his boyhood and, as he merged into

manhood, continued farming. He was past eighteen when he came with his parents to Crawford County, and there he lived at home and worked on the farm until his marriage, when his father gave him 89 acres of land. On this land he built a frame house into which he moved with his wife in the fall of 1856, and which has since been his home. His father later gave him 40 acres more, and he has since added to this property from time to time until he now owns 253 acres of the best land in the township. He belongs to the Patrons of Husbandry, and for sixty-five years has been a member of the Methodist Church and for many years a class-leader. In politics he is a Democrat.

On March 6, 1856, Mr. Kirk was married to Malinda Eaton, daughter of John and Nancy Eaton, who had been residents of Hutsonville Township from 1818. Mrs. Kirk died March 1, 1906, and, had she lived five days longer, her married life would have extended over a period of fifty years. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Kirk were: Harvey B., born March 27, 1857; Mary Belle, born October 15, 1860; Anna Sivilla, born April 29, 1862, died February 28, 1866; Harry Allen, born August 14, 1865, died April 3, 1866; Nannie Ora, born August 27, 1867, died June 15, 1871; John William, born May 31, 1870; and Cora Almeda, born November 15, 1872.

KIRK, Mrs. Emily.—Among the very estimable residents of Robinson Township, Crawford County, and one who is possessed of a considerable amount of the richest farming land in Crawford County, is Mrs. Emily Kirk, widow of the late James S. Kirk, one of the representative farmers of this locality. Mrs. Kirk was born in Hancock County, Ohio, June 10, 1848, a daughter of James Madison Doty, who was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, November 28, 1821, and Frances Holmes Doty, born in Virginia, August 16, 1824. Mr. Doty died in Crawford County, October 2, 1859, and about four years afterward his widow married Jonah Price, her death occurring in Crawford County, January 21, 1886. The Doty family came to Oblong Township, Crawford County, from Ohio, when Mrs. Kirk was about three years old, and the father commenced farming as soon as he arrived. About 1855 he built a saw-mill near Annapolis, but about a year before he died sold his mill and retired to a farm.

Mrs. Kirk was educated in the district schools of her neighborhood and reared on the home farm. She joined the Methodist Church in 1869 and has been one of its most faithful members ever since. On January 12, 1869, Miss Doty became the wife of James S. Kirk, near Oblong, Crawford County. The children born to them were: Anna Frances, born January 27, 1870, married Orlin Leggitt, April 3, 1895, and they have three children—Otho J. S., Cecil DeLoss and Kitty Lucile; Araminta Alma, born May 22, 1871, married Clement V. Leggitt, December 18, 1895, and they had these children—Blanche Emily, Irene Amanda, Lola Opal and a baby boy, while three children (Gladys M., Laurel Estol and an unnamed boy) are deceased; Oriel W., born March 24, 1873, married, September 17, 1904, Laura Inez Smith, and they have two girls—Aldah Lorie and Hazel Margaret; Alice Luella, born March 1, 1875, married February 4, 1894, Dr. W. C. Faught (deceased), and they had five children—Joyce, Carroll Kirk, A. Newlin, William Burns and Alice; Martha Almeda, born March 25, 1877, unmarried; Lola Acme, born January 15, 1879, unmarried; Otho J. D., born October 13, 1881, died November 28, 1884; Mary Ethel, born June 25, 1883, married September 17, 1907, Herman A. Tobin, and they have one son—Wendell Rolland; Orlin H., born July 27, 1885, married January 23, 1906, Alma Madge York, and they have two boys—Ward Belden and Graydon Lansford; and Mabel Fay, born October 12, 1887, unmarried.

Immediately after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Kirk moved to the four-room frame house situated on the farm which is now the Kirk home. The place, originally embracing 80 acres, was a part of the land entered from the Government by Mr. Kirk's father and later given to James S. Kirk, and to this land the latter added from time to time until at the time of his death he was the owner of 240 acres. He also replaced the original house with a large, modern frame residence, and also erected a substantial barn and outbuildings.

James S. Kirk, a son of William and Anna Kirk, was born in Licking County, Ohio, December 18, 1838, and died at his home October 31, 1907. In 1850 he was brought to Crawford County by his parents, and there resided until his death. During the Civil War (1861-64) he served in the Union Army, having enlisted in Company H, Twenty-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry, while attending school at Marshall, Ill. Mr. Kirk was a member of a family of nine children, the only surviving member of which is David W. Kirk. Like his wife, he early joined the Methodist Church, and he was a very sincere believer in its faith, and fully lived up to it in his life and died firm in it. His children were carefully trained in the Christian faith and they have proved themselves worthy his teaching. The funeral services were held in Kirk Chapel by the Rev. Van Treese, who delivered a touching sermon from the appropriate text: "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." Rev. 2:10. The body is interred in Kirk Cemetery.

Mr. Kirk was an excellent farmer, a good business man, and an excellent neighbor. A man of high principles, absolute integrity and true Christian charity, he is a character not to be forgotten, but to be held in affectionate remembrance for his real worth to mankind. Though gone, his life and example remain as the heritage of his children and his neighbors.

KIRK, John W., M. D.—The medical men of today are among the most learned in the world, the

requirements of their profession being such that they are compelled to be intelligent, well educated and thoroughly versed in the lore of their calling. Among those who have been successful practitioners of Crawford County for a number of years is Dr. John W. Kirk of Oblong, who was born at Robinson, May 31, 1870, a son of David W. Kirk, who was born in Licking County, Ohio, and is now a farmer who owns good oil-producing property north of Robinson.

Dr. Kirk first attended the common school in Robinson Township, and then took a course at the Union Christian College at Merom, Ind., whence he went to the Central Normal School at Danville, Ind. His medical studies were begun at Louisville Hospital Medical College, where he spent three years, being graduated with degree of M. D., in 1897. Following this he took a postgraduate course at the Chicago Polyclinic and in July, 1897, he began practicing at Oblong, where he has since continued, firmly establishing himself in the confidence of the people here.

On January 15, 1902, Dr. Kirk married in Oblong, Valeria Leggett, daughter of one of Crawford County's most respected citizens. Dr. and Mrs. Kirk have two children: Florence, born November 1, 1902, and Harold, born August 15, 1904. Dr. Kirk has been a Methodist since boyhood. In politics he is a Democrat, although too much occupied with his profession to take a very active part in civic affairs. He is earnest, conscientious and unremitting in his studies, and his patients have learned to depend upon him and to trust to his judgment. While much younger than many of his associates, Dr. Kirk is recognized as one of the leading men of his profession in the county, and his success has certainly been gained through hard work and vigorous endeavor.

KIRK, Oriel William.—While Crawford County is the home of many farmers, since the discovery of oil there, a new interest has been developed and the value of property has been greatly enhanced. Not only are the people of the county interested in the production of the crude oil, but in the many other industries connected with the oil business, and new capital and blood have been infused here that have aided greatly in the advancement of the county. Oriel William Kirk is one of the farmers and oil producers of Robinson Township. He was born here March 24, 1873, a son of James S. Kirk. James S. Kirk was born in Licking County, Ohio, December 18, 1838, and died October 31, 1907. He was a veteran of the Civil War. His wife was Emily Doty, from Hancock County, Ohio, a daughter of James Madison Doty, and they had ten children, of whom Oriel William Kirk was the third in order of birth. Nine of these ten children are still living.

Mr. Kirk attended district school, then high school in Robinson, and still later he went to the Gem City Business College at Quincy, from which he was graduated with diploma, May 16, 1895. Upon leaving school he began farming, and has since been engaged in that line of work. On September 17, 1904, he was married at St. Elmo, Fayette County, Ill., by the Rev. B. S. Smith, to Laura Inez Smith, daughter of Azariah and Mary (Padgett) Smith. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kirk: Aldah Laura, born March 28, 1906, and Hazel Margaret, born June 7, 1908.

Mr. Kirk owns 80 acres of land, and has four producing wells, one with a capacity of 110 barrels every twenty-four hours, which has been kept up for the past ten months. Mr. Kirk owns property in Porum, Oklahoma. He is a Republican in politics, and has always taken an active interest in township affairs. He has been a member of the Methodist Church for sixteen years, while his wife has been a member of the same for nine years. Fraternally Mr. Kirk is a member of the Modern Woodmen.

The history of Mrs. Kirk's family is as follows: Her father, Azariah Robert Smith, was born in Richland County, Ill., June 1, 1859. His wife, Mary Padgett, was born in Crawford County, Ill., March 4, 1859. The children born to them were: Laura Inez, born August 30, 1884, in Crawford County near Hardinville; Maudie Ellen, born July 26, 1886, died July 3, 1888; Minnie Edith, born October 15, 1888; Lester Sherman, born February 7, 1890; Oden Franklin, born August 21, 1894; Elma Lavonia, born May 16, 1899; and Victor L., born September 15, 1905.

KIRTLAND, Orlando B., who with his brother D. P. Kirtland has been associated with the grain and milling interests of Crawford County, under the firm style of Kirtland Bros., for many years, is one of the reliable and responsible business men of Oblong. He was born in New York State, June 20, 1853, and was educated in the graded schools of his native State. In 1877, being ambitious to try his luck in a new country, he went to Kansas and there engaged in farming and stock dealing, but in 1879 returned to New York. In 1881 he located in Oblong, and founded the firm of Kirtland Bros., which at one time did a very extensive business.

KITCHELL, J., for many years a merchant of Palestine, Crawford County, was born in that city, January 2, 1839, a son of James H. and Nancy (Gill) Kitchell, the latter born February 3, 1802, and died in 1879. They were the parents of thirteen children. Mr. Kitchell was educated in Palestine, and began his business life as a clerk. In 1857 he went to Washington, D. C., and was a clerk in the House of Representatives, and when he returned in 1859, he formed a partnership with Judge Allen in a general store. This association continued thirteen years, when they sold out and founded a hardware and agricultural implement business. This was continued until 1877 when Mr. Kitchell went out of business and gave his attention to the duties of Township Assessor, holding that office for three successive terms. In the spring of 1881 he entered the employ of J. L. Woodworth, a hardware merchant. Mr. Kitchell married in Palestine, December 5, 1872, Mrs. R. M. Wilson, who was born March 29, 1844, and she bore him

two children, Anna and Bessie. Mrs. Kitchell was a daughter of Presley O. and Maria (Kitchell) Wilson. Mr. Kitchell is a Democrat in politics, and a Presbyterian in religious faith.

KRAMER, Martin.—Germany has given to this country many of its most representative and substantial citizens, including those who have attained to greatness in public, military and civil life. The vigorous training given Germans in every branch of learning or industry fits them for almost any position in life, and it is very seldom that a native of the Fatherland becomes a charge upon his adopted community. A prominent feature of their character is illustrated in their habits of thrift and industry, and they seldom fail to become important factors in whatever locality they select as an abiding place.

Crawford County is fortunate in being the home of a number of native born Germans who served their adopted country as soldiers during the Civil War, among these being Martin Kramer, who was born in Germany, July 28, 1842, a a son of Frank Kramer. When Martin was two years old, the family came to America, first locating in Galveston, Texas, whence they moved to New Orleans, then to St. Louis and finally to Cincinnati.

The early education of Martin Kramer was obtained in Galveston, Texas, but when the family went to Cincinnati, he obtained work as a goldmelter in the manufacturing jewelry plant of Duehme & Co. Still later, he learned the trade of a clothing cutter and commanded liberal wages in Cincinnati. In April, 1903, he came to Crawford County, and located on his present farm in La Motte Township. This property had been purchased twenty years before by Mr. Kramer, from the heirs of his father-in-law, John Hughes, who settled on the farm in 1839 and died in 1879.

At the age of nineteen, on April 19, 1861, Mr. Kramer enlisted as a private at Cincinnati, in Company K, Ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Col. Robert L. McCook commanding, and after serving three years, was mustered out at Camp Dennison, Cincinnati, in April, 1864. On February 6, 1865, he reenlisted for one year in Hancock's Veteran Reserve Corps. During his periods of enlistment he had the privilege of serving under some of the greatest generals of the war, including Gens. McClellan, Rosecrans, George H. Thomas—popularly known as "Pap" Thomas—and participated in the following engagements: Missionary Ridge, Mill Springs, and many of the battles waged in Kentucky and Virginia; then was sent to Pittsburg Landing, was in the battle of Corinth, and was one of the many who made the celebrated March to the Sea. Reenlisting at Columbus, Ohio, he was sent to Camp Stoneman, Washington, D. C., thence to Winchester, in Eastern Virginia, and was on his way to join the army in Richmond, when he heard the terrible news of the assassination of the President. He was one of those who participated in the Grand Review at Washington, and was mustered out at Harper's Ferry. For three months after the execution of Mrs. Surratt and the other conspirators connected with the assassination of President Lincoln, he was on guard at the capital.

The parents of Mr. Kramer spent their lives in Cincinnati, where the father died in 1880, and the mother in 1896. There Mr. Kramer married Miss Hughes, daughter of John Hughes, and they had several children, but Russell is the only one now surviving. He was born December 8, 1870, has three daughters, and is foreman of the cutting department of a large wholesale clothing house of Cincinnati, Ohio. Miss Adelaide S. Kramer, a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kramer, has been reared by them. She is about nineteen years old and is an artist of unusual ability. When only twelve years old she painted landscapes that evoked unstinted praise from critics who appreciate artistic work. She is also a talented elocutionist of exceptional power. She was educated at the academy of Notre Dame, at Covington, Ky., where she remained five years, and then attended the Lewis Institute in Chicago, where she pursued her art studies and from which she was graduated with honors in the summer of 1907.

Mr. Kramer rents out his farm, but lives in his attractive country home surrounded by acres of fine lawn studded with forest trees.

LACKEY, William T.—Among the venerable residents of Oblong Township, Crawford County, Ill., one who has borne his part in the wonderful development of his section of the State and in promotion of its agricultural supremacy, is William T. Lackey, the subject of this sketch. Mr. Lackey was born near Robinson, Ill., September 13, 1838, a son of Richard Lackey, and grandson of John Lackey. Richard Lackey came from Kentucky to Illinois with his father John Lackey, in 1826, and they settled four miles northwest of Palestine, Crawford County. The trip was made overland in wagons. Wild game of all kinds abounded, including deer, wild turkey and wolves. John Lackey entered land from the Government. In addition to being a farmer, he was a wheelwright, and taught his trade to his son Richard. The latter followed the trade and farmed. Richard Lackey married Rachael Wood, daughter of Joseph Wood, a pioneer farmer and father of Captain Wood. During his lifetime Joseph Wood owned about 3,000 acres of land which he divided among his children. Richard Lackey's children were as follows: William T., Mary, Joseph, Nancy, Caroline and Margaret, all of whom are living except the last named.

William T. Lackey was educated in the subscription schools of his neighborhood, in part, and had to walk three miles to the little log school, where he sat on a slab seat. While the schoolhouse was rude, the teaching was thorough and he was well grounded in the common branches. In the summers and after he had finished school, he worked for his father until his marriage, which occurred November 21, 1861, to Mary Moyer, daughter of Daniel Moyer. She was born in Perry County, Ohio, and was there educated and became a school teacher. After mar-

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riage Mr. Lackey bought 80 acres of his present farm, which was practically cleared. There was no house on the land, however, so he erected one of hewed logs and occupied it for about thirty years. In 1885 a frame addition of four rooms was added, and in 1901 the log house was moved away and its place was taken by a frame structure. Mr. Lackey has erected every building on his premises. He cleared all of his second purchase of 120 acres with the exception of seven acres, so now he has one of the finest properties in the county. In 1906 and 1907 oil was discovered on his land, and he now has ten wells in active operation. In politics he is a Republican and has served as School Director several terms. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church, and Mr. Lackey is very liberal in his contributions to this denomination. Always a hard worker, he was accustomed to farm life from earliest childhood, and was from the start familiar with every detail of farm management, so that he is and has been well fitted to successfully conduct his large property and gain from it an excellent income.

Mr. and Mrs. Lackey became the parents of nine children: Rose E., wife of M. W. Purcell of Stoy; Hannah J., wife of W. C. Sutton of Montgomery Township; Joseph H., of Oblong Township; Rachel C., wife of Harlan Connell of Stoy; Thomas J., of Oblong Township; Elmer R., who is on his father's farm; Richard D., on his father's farm; W. Elbert, on his father's farm; and Barbara (deceased), who was the wife of Ulysses Inboden of Oblong Township.

LAMB, James (deceased), who was one of the leading grain and implement merchants of Robinson, Ill., for many years, was born October 5, 1817, in Shenandoah County, Va., and his parents dying when he was a child, he was taken to Licking County, Ohio, by an uncle in 1824. On August 18, 1842, Mr. Lamb married in Licking County, Mary Randall, who bore him the following children: William J., Mrs. Caroline M. Newlin, Mary, Emma, Lillie and Stephen A. D. After his marriage Mr. Lamb began farming in Ohio, and in 1847 he moved to Crawford County, where he purchased 120 acres in Licking Township. Later he sold this and bought 300 acres in the township, and improved this farm with an orchard and good buildings. In 1871, he moved to Robinson, and embarked in the implement business, to which he added the handling of grain and building up a large trade. He also owned an excellent residence in Robinson.

LAMB, Salathiel.—Lavish indeed has been nature to Illinois, endowing it with soil, climate and other varied natural resources that need but proper exertion to turn them into material wealth. The farmers of this commonwealth have not been slow in taking advantage of these resources, especially in Crawford County, and among them is Salathiel Lamb, now retired, of Martin Township (Range 13 on Section 3), who was born in Randolph County, N. C. His father, Dun Lamb, came to Crawford County in 1836, and located north of Robinson. Dun Lamb was born in North Carolina, but became one of the early pioneers of Crawford County. An extended sketch of him will be found elsewhere in this volume.

Salathiel Lamb was ten years old when brought to this part of Illinois, and his education was secured in the subscription schools, while at the same time learning to hew down the forests and till the soil. At the age of twenty-one years he left home, and began to work for himself, in which he continued one season. He then went to Robinson, where he began learning the blacksmith trade which he followed for ten years. At the expiration of that period he returned to farming, buying 80 acres of land which he at once began to clear and cultivate. From time to time he added to his holdings until he now has 200 acres. Oil was located on his property in May, 1907, and he has now ten producing wells, which greatly increase its value. In politics he is now a Prohibitionist, although originally a Democrat. He has for many years been a devout member of the Christian Church, and so imbued did he become with its teachings, that he studied at home until he was qualified to preach, and has been a local preacher for forty years.

On August 10, 1851, Mr. Lamb married Elizabeth Jones, born and reared in Indiana, and by this marriage there was one child—William D. Lamb. Mrs. Lamb died August 15, 1853, and Mr. Lamb was married again in 1854 to Martha Shipman, and they had the following children: Mary Ellen, Elizabeth Jane and Mary Ellen (II), all three deceased; Steven Sylvester, Charlotte E. and Martha A. (the last three still living), and Salathiel J., deceased—all born on the homestead except the two eldest, who were born in Hardinville. The second Mrs. Lamb died in July, 1879. On December 18, 1879, Mr. Lamb married Mrs. Anna D. (Baliff) McConn, the widow of Thomas McConn, formerly a farmer of Indiana and Illinois, who died in 1865. Mrs. Lamb was born in Clark County, Ill., January 28, 1836, and was there reared and educated. She had six children by her first marriage, two sons and four daughters: Caroline, Josephine (deceased), Andrew (deceased), May, James and Lilly D. (deceased), all born and reared in Clark and Crawford Counties except Lilly D., who was born in Indiana.

The good accomplished by this venerable leader cannot be overestimated, for not only has he taught the principles of his faith, but he has lived them in his life, and his kindly deeds and his uprightness of character testify to his nobleness of purpose and devotion to principle.

LARRABEE, George H.—The agricultural interests of Illinois are in the hands of competent men who are constantly engaged in raising values and developing the locality in which they are making their homes. Much credit is due to the enterprising farmers who have done so much to raise the standard of value, and among those who have well borne their part

along these lines is George H. Larrabee, a farmer, stock-raiser and dealer in real estate, on Section 22, Oblong Township, Crawford County. He was born in the Township in which he now resides February 26, 1865, a son of Hiram Larrabee, a retired farmer of Oblong, and a native of Licking County, Ohio, where he was born April 1, 1830. He was there reared, and was a railroad engineer and stage driver until about 1856, when he came to Crawford County, settling in Oblong Township, making the trip with his father, John Larrabee, the pioneer of the family, who entered land from the Government which he improved. John Larrabee died in Oblong Township in December, 1872.

Hiram Larrabee was one of seven children born to John Larrabee, and was about twenty-four years old when he was married in Oblong Township to Virginia Wood, the daughter of Joseph Wood. After marriage he bought land in the same township which he cleared and for years was one of the heaviest land-owners in the county, for a time being the proprietor of 700 acres. Here he resided until 1893, when he retired to Oblong. He has always been an active Democrat and in 1884 drove 40 horses to Robinson from Oblong to a Democratic rally. In religious matters, he is a devout Methodist. He had three children: George H., Alma M. and Everett. Their mother died in 1872. He subsequently married Sarah Jane Ackamire, a daughter of Jesse Ackamire, a farmer of Oblong Township, and by this marriage there have been four children: Bertha Lefever, Louie Kentner, Josie May Odell and one who died in infancy—all born in Oblong Township.

George H. Larrabee was reared in Oblong Township where he attended the district schools, and later went to the Union Christian College at Merom, Ind. When he returned from college he bought a farm of 40 acres, which he improved, and added to his holdings until he now owns 260 acres, the greater part of which is improved. He moved onto his present farm in December, 1907. In addition to one farm in Oblong Township, he owns two in Jasper County, and all his lands are valuable. Mr. Larrabee was married July 24, 1887, to Ollie M. Hargis, born in Crawford County, a daughter of J. W. Hargis, a farmer of Licking Township and one of the early settlers of the County. Mr. and Mrs. Larrabee have two children: Edna E. and Adin H., both born in Crawford County. Mr. Larrabee has handled considerable realty in Illinois, Oklahoma and Missouri, and since 1902 has devoted the greater part of his time to dealing in farm lands. He has been very successful in this line of business and is in possession of some very choice property for disposal. On his farms Mr. Larrabee makes a specialty of raising high-grade stock and Poland-China hogs. His farm is one of the best in Crawford County, while the two in Jasper County are very productive also. In politics Mr. Larrabee is a Democrat, and fraternally is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a man widely known and respected for his enterprising and progressive spirit, and his qualities as a kind neighbor.

LAUE, John C.—The business world has come to acknowledge the importance of huge corporations whose united interests make possible production of superior quality at the lowest prices. Being able to control large volumes of trade, and owning extensive sources of supply, such corporations can regulate outputs and prices in a way not possible to individual concerns, and the public benefits accordingly. Among these concerns that have attained national importance is the Laue Hardware Company of Robinson, with the following proprietors: W. F. Laue, John C. Laue and George H. Laue. the company succeeding the old established house of George N. Newhold Hardware Company. The Laues came from Beecher City, Ill., February 15, 1908, where they had conducted a similar concern for many years, and had become thoroughly identified with the hardware trade. They took over the immense stock and immediately began to enlarge the plant and added other departments to the plant at No. 115-117-119 and 121 inclusive South Cross Street. The stock carried embraces every line of hardware, including vehicles, wagons, farm implements, fencing, harness, shelf hardware, and seeds of every kind, their stock being the most complete of its kind in the country.

The plant has a frontage of 70 feet, while on the south is the office and drafting room. While the firm is a new one in this locality, the concern has long been before the public, and the new proprietors have a reputation that ensures fair dealing and the highest quality of goods, and their prices are at all times as low as is consistent with the merits of their goods and the superiority of their service. Not only does the house enjoy a very large trade throughout the county, but it has men in an extensive territory, and the volume of business already shows a healthy and very encouraging increase.

LEACH, Reuben (deceased), who for many years was one of the successful farmers of Oblong Township, was born in Lincoln County Ky., September 17, 1807. In 1830 he came to Montgomery County, Ill., but two months later located in Crawford County, in 1831 purchasing a farm of 200 acres, three-quarters of a mile north of Oblong. In 1870 Mr. Leach was elected Sheriff of the County, and served two years, when he retired to Oblong. He also held other offices, and was Justice of the Peace for fifteen years. Mr. Leach was married July 15, 1834, to Amelia Steward, who died July 30, 1854. On March 30, 1856, he married Lydia Bowman of Perry County, Ohio. The children of Mr. Leach were as follows: Polly, David S., Jane, Alfred C., John A. and Alice Ella. Mr. Leach was a son of Matthew and Polly (Gullet) Leach, natives of Virginia who had children as follows: William, Reuben, Matthew, Davidson, Jane, Susan, Phœbe, and Christina.

LEAVERTON, Hon. John Wesley. — Merit writes itself upon the pages of time, and the inscription can never be obliterated. Time and again it has been proven that it is nobler to be a private in the ranks of progress, than an officer among those who are but dead weights in the way of onward and upward movement. Among those who have done much to make Crawford County what it is to-day, and especially that part of it comprised in Palestine, will always be remembered the name of Hon. John Wesley Leaverton, of Palestine, who was born in Greensboro, Queen Anne County, Md., April 14, 1840. His father, John Hall Leaverton, was born in Caroline County, Md., March 20, 1813, and died in Marion County, Ohio, March 22, 1852, when thirty-nine years of age. Mr. Leaverton's mother, whose maiden name was Tamsey J. Ireland, was born in Caroline County, Md., April 5, 1815, and died January 19, 1869, in Marion County, Ohio. The grandparents of Mr. Leaverton, Moses and Nancy (Hall) Leaverton, the latter of Dutch ancestry, came from England and, taking up Government land, founded the family in Caroline County, Md., and in 1846 John Wesley Leaverton was taken to Marion County, Ohio, where his childhood was passed on a farm.

There he married on December 5, 1867, Delilah Andrew, born November 7, 1834, in Caroline County, Md., a daughter of John B. and Elizabeth (Ireland) Andrew, and a member of an old English family, one of her ancestors, George Andrew, Jr., having received patents to land in 1755, the grant for which, executed on parchment by Frederick, Lord Baron of Baltimore, Md., with the English seal stamped in wax hanging to it, is now in Mr. Leaverton's possession.

On November 7, 1861, John W. Leaverton enlisted in Company H, Eighty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Colonel James Cantwell commanding, and served in some of the most noted battles of the great struggle, including Bull Pasture Mountain, near McDowell, W. Va.; Cedar Mountain, second battle of Bull Run, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg and the fight from Chattanooga to Atlanta, Resaca, Pumpkin Vine Creek, Kenesaw Mountain, Marietta, Peach Tree Creek, Siege of Atlanta, the March to the Sea with Sherman, Averysboro, Bentonsville and numerous other small engagements and skirmishes. The regiment was mustered out at Columbus, Ohio, July 25, 1865. He had marched from Stevenson, Ala., to Savannah, Ga., thence through the Carolinas to Goldsboro, to Raleigh and Richmond and thence on to Washington, D. C., participating in Grand Review. Mr. Leaverton did not escape without hospital experience, in the fall of 1862 being sent to Finley Hospital at Washington, D. C., where he remained two weeks, then rejoined his regiment. In the fall of 1863, after the battle of Gettysburg, he was again taken sick, and sent to Fairfax Hospital, near Alexandria, Va., where he remained about three weeks, and once more rejoined his regiment. He was wounded by a minnie ball near Atlanta, Ga., July 20, 1864. For nearly three years Mr. Leaverton served as Corporal of his company, and during most of that time acted as Sergeant.

At the close of the war Mr. Leaverton returned to Marion County, Ohio, where he was married, and then came to Palestine, Crawford County, Ill., arriving October 1, 1871. In the spring of 1871 he and his father-in-law, had come to this locality and Mr. Andrew bought quite a large tract of land and town property, of which he sold Mr. and Mrs. Leaverton 160 acres, one-half mile east of Palestine. Mr. Leaverton also bought 79 acres of land adjoining the Andrew tract. It was on this place Mr. and Mrs. Leaverton commenced their life in Crawford County, and for some time he owned and operated a saw-mill. He has improved and put under cultivation about 200 acres. On the death of her father, Mrs. Leaverton inherited his property. In 1883 Mr. and Mrs. Leaverton took up their residence in the village of Palestine, and in 1890 moved to their present home, where they have since resided. Mrs. Leaverton is also the owner of 306 acres adjoining on the south of this property, as well as tracts of 32. 140 and 85 acres in the north. They have donated a beautiful park of 15 acres to the Township, which is known as Leaverton Park.

Mr. Leaverton has given his assistance to numerous public enterprises and has been President of the Building and Loan Association of Palestine for twenty-two years. His war service entitles him to membership in the G. A. R., and he belongs to Alfred Harrison Post, No. 152, of Palestine, and his fraternal connections are with the Red Men. In political matters he is a stanch Republican, and has held all the township offices, except those of Commissioner and Constable. In 1902 he was elected a Representative in the Forty-third General Assembly, and during his term served on the following committees: Agriculture, Building and Loan Associations, Drainage and Waterways, Elections, Farm Drainage, Judicial Apportionment, Military Affairs, State and County Fairs, Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, and Soldiers' Orphans' Home, on all rendering faithful and efficient and valuable service. Mrs. Leaverton belongs to the Women's Relief Corps Auxiliary to the G. A. R., of which she has been State President for two terms, and is a member of the W. C. T. U., and has held the position of Financial Secretary for her district in the latter organization for five years.

LEFEVER, Andrew F.—Among the men who have borne their part in the development and advancement of Oblong Township, this county, is Andrew F. Lefever, who was born in Marion County, Ohio, March 26, 1843, a son of Abram Lefever, who was born in Virginia. Abram Lefever's father came from France to America with Lafayette during the war of the Revolution, and fought for seven years as captain of a company of colonial troops. When the war was ended, he married a German girl and settled down in Richland County, Ohio.

Abram Lefever, who was a farmer by occupa-

tion, moved from Virginia to Ohio, where he continued farming, and died in August, 1847. He was married in Ohio to Mary Close, a native of Pennsylvania, and they had children as follows: Elvina, of Indiana; William A., of Michigan; John, deceased, formerly of Indiana; James of Oblong, Ill.; Charity Ann, of Indiana; Robert, deceased, formerly of Ohio; Parmelia, of Ohio; Andrew F., and Minard who died in Ohio.

Andrew F. Lefever was educated in the log school houses of Ohio, and also was taught farming by his father. He thus had learned how to fell the trees, clear land and till the soil. His marriage occurred in Ohio to Sarah Curfman, a daughter of John Curfman, an Ohio farmer, and born in Crawford County, that State. He came to Oblong Township, Crawford County, Ill., in 1873, and located on the property his son now operates, there buying 155 acres in conjunction with his brother James M. Later they bought 50 acres more, after which the property was equally divided. He is now living retired in Oblong village, to which place he moved in 1905, and there owns the home which he occupies. He also owns about 230 acres in Oblong Township, and has two oil wells in active operation, which were opened in 1908. In politics he is a Republican, having cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1864. For two years he served as Highway Commissioner. He is a member of the G. A. R., having served as a soldier of the Civil War. The United Brethren Church is his religious home. Mr. and Mrs. Lefever have had nine children, namely: Isaac Francis; James Robert, who died when fifteen months old; Mandy, William L., Ellen May, Ida, Pearly Parmelia, Margaret Edith, Charles Arthur.

In 1862 Mr. Lefever enlisted in Company B, Sixty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Major Williams, but later Colonel Forsythe took charge, and still later Colonel Ferguson. The Captain of the company was James Brown. Mr. Lefever participated in the following battles: Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Buzzard's Roost, Big Shanty, Ga., and later was sent to join General Thomas and took part in the battle of Nashville, Tenn., where he finally received his discharge in 1864 and returned home.

LEFEVER, James M., now retired from the active duties of life, beloved by his children and friends, and one of the honored residents of Oblong, Crawford County, Ill., was born in Ohio, January 31, 1837, a son of Abram Lefever. Until 1873 Mr. Lafever was a farmer and stock-raiser in Marion County, Ohio, where he and his brother, Andrew F., owned 60 acres of land, but having decided to move further west, they sold their farm and coming to Crawford County, Ill., settled in Oblong Township, where they bought 155 acres of land in Sections 24 and 13, later adding 50 acres in Section 13. At this time Mr. Lefever and his brother divided their mutual holdings. After the division, James M. Lefever bought 40 acres more in Section 13. His next purchase was 80 acres in Section 23; the next was 57 acres in Section 13; the next, 52 acres in Section 23; the next, 40 acres in Section 24, and then he and his son John A. purchased 30 acres in Section 13. His holdings now aggregate 410½ acres, and he has fourteen oil wells in active production on his property, oil having been discovered here in 1907. In 1899 Mr. Lefever bought four lots and a house in Oblong village and moved there in the fall of that year. In 1902 he added another lot. In 1900 he built a barn on his village property. Mr. Lefever delights in telling of the early hardships, and of the days when he worked on the land and his brother ran a threshing machine, wearing out two machines in the business.

Mr. Lefever was married in Marion County, Ohio, where he had been reared and educated, his bride being Susanna Curfman, daughter of John Curfman, a farmer of Crawford County, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Lefever had children as follows: John A., Eva J., W. A., James T., and Mary Etta, who died at the age of ten months. Mr. Lefever has been a Republican since the formation of the party. His religious home is with the United Brethren Church, and he is respected there as he is throughout the community for his many excellent qualities, and for his business enterprise which has resulted in his advancement from very humble circumstances to the rank of a wealthy citizen.

LEFEVER, John A.—The steady tides of immigration which have flowed into the fertile States of the Middle West, have had their part in the marvelous development of this part of the Union, but they take away none of the credit due to the man who dared to brave the terrors of the wilderness and to whose unremitting efforts has come ultimate success. That kind of a man will not be forgotten whenever the story of American development is told. John A. Lefever, a farmer and stock-raiser of Oblong Township, Crawford County, is a native of Marion County, Ohio, where he was born August 17, 1867, a son of James M. Lefever, one of the pioneers of the Township, who was also born in Ohio, was there reared, educated and married to Susan Curfman, also a native of that State. They became the parents of five children, three of whom were born in Ohio, and two in Crawford County, namely: John A., Eva, William Wesley, James T., and Etta, deceased.

In 1873 James M. Lefever with his brother emigrated to Crawford County, Ill., his family following later by rail. They settled in Oblong Township, and there bought 160 acres, a part of which he cleared. The two brothers shared this land, working in partnership, and at one time they owned 400 acres, cleared it off and transformed it into a very valuable property, and here James lived until 1900, when he retired to Oblong where he now resides. In politics he is a Republican and has taken quite an active part in local affairs. In religious affairs, he is

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a member of the United Brethren Church, and is very highly respected in his community.

John A. Lefever remained at home until his marriage, March 23, 1890, to Mary C. Gray, born in Brown County, Ind., daughter of Daniel Gray, a farmer and Christian preacher. Mr. Gray married in Owen County, Ind., and came from Indiana to Jasper County, Ill., in 1876, where he reared his family. Mr. and Mrs. Lefever are the parents of the following children: Ray; Verna, deceased; Mabel; Fanchion and Guy, all born at their present home, to which they moved in the fall of 1890. He began with twenty-five acres, and it was all woodland, but he soon had it cleared, and has added to it until he now owns 85 acres of as good land as can be found in the township. Oil was discovered on his property in 1907, and he now has seven wells in operation. Mr. Lefever has always been a Republican, and is very enthusiastic about his party. Fraternally he is a member of the I. O. O. F., and like his father he is a religious man, although he is connected with the Christian Church. He has faithfully performed the duties which have lain to his hand, and is a reliable farmer, a successful business man, and kind, charitable neighbor, who enjoys fullest confidence and respect from all who know him.

LEFEVER, Wesley A.—The vocation of a farmer is steadily becoming more attractive as the science of farming progresses, and the men engaged in agricultural pursuits are possessed of good sense, industrious habits and thrifty economy, and are succeeding wonderfully, especially in Crawford County, where lives Wesley A. Lefever, of Section 23, Oblong Township. He was born in Marion County, Ohio, March 26, 1870, second son of James M. Lefever. The first son was John A. The youngest son, James T. Lefever, was born on Section 24, Oblong Township, October 13, 1874, and the two boys were educated in the district schools of Oblong Township.

Wesley A. Lefever has greatly improved his present farm and makes a specialty of raising Duroc-Jersey hogs, as does his brother James T. On June 5, 1892, Wesley A. Lefever was married to Bertha Ellen Larrabee, a daughter of Hiram Larrabee of Oblong Township, and they have had the following children: Vera May, Hallie James and four who died in infancy, all born on the homestead. Mr. Wesley A. Lefever is a Republican in politics, a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Church.

James T. Lefever was married July 25, 1898, to Eva Shoemaker, born in Crawford County, where she was reared and educated. She is a daughter of Theodore Shoemaker, a farmer of Licking Township who came from Indiana and settled here a great many years ago. Mrs. Lefever is the oldest of four children born to her parents. Mr. and Mrs. James T. Lefever have three children: Earl Cleo, Florence Zena and Merl Robert, all born on their present farm. In politics James T. Lefever is a Republican, and fraternally belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He and his wife belong to the Christian Church.

Both brothers are enterprising, energetic and successful and they enjoy in the highest degree the confidence of their neighbors.

LEFEVER, William A., successfully pursuing his farming operations on Section 13, Oblong Township, Crawford County, Ill., and an excellent type of the up-to-date farmer of the twentieth century, was born on his present home farm, November 15, 1874, a son of Andrew F. Lefever. The latter was born in Marion County, Ohio, in 1844, and was there reared and educated. He was a farmer in Ohio and there married Miss Sarah A. Curfman, also born and reared in Ohio. They became parents of nine children: I. F., Amanda, M. James, William A., Ella May, Mary Ida, Pearl, Permelia, Margaret Edith and Charles Arthur. A. F. Lefever came to Crawford County at an early day, settling in Oblong Township, where he cleared and cultivated a farm and lived until he retired to Oblong. He is a well-known man all over Crawford County, and is a stanch Republican in politics.

William A. Lefever was educated in the district schools of Oblong Township. His first wife was Effie E. Sutton, and she bore him one child, who died in infancy. Her death occurred April 9, 1896, and April 2, 1899, he married Grace Voke, daughter of J. R. Voke of Lincoln Township. Mr. and Mrs. Lefever have two children: Marjorie Juanita and Majorie Lucile. In politics Mr. Lefever is a Republican, although he has never sought public office. Fraternally he is a member of the Masonic order and of the Sons of Veterans. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church. Mr. Lefever is highly esteemed in his neighborhood for his many excellent traits of character, and the success which has come to him is well merited.

LEWIS, F. W., editor of the "Robinson (Ill.) Constitution," born in Lewiston, Mahoning County, Ohio, April 8, 1864, is one of the leading newspaper men of Crawford County. His father, George W. Lewis, was born near Philadelphia, Pa., April 5, 1835, and died in Prairie Township, Crawford County, Ill., June 10, 1900. His mother, Elizabeth (Calvin) Lewis, was born in Mahoning County, Ohio, January 19, 1835, and still survives, living at Paris, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis were married in Ohio, to which State George W. Lewis had been brought in infancy by his parents. The great-grandfather of F. W. Lewis came to America from Wales, settling near Philadelphia. Having secured a good education for his time, attending Mt. Union College at Alliance, Ohio, where his wife also went to school, George W. Lewis was well fitted for his battle with life. He began his business career as a merchant at Washingtonville, Ohio, where he remained until 1870, in which year he came to Crawford County, and located on a farm near Eaton, in what is now Prairie Township. Here the family resided for about ten years and then

moved to Robinson, where he was engaged in general merchandising for several years. He then returned to farming, although retaining his residence in Robinson. In politics, George W. Lewis was a Democrat, and was very active in political affairs. The children of George W. Lewis and wife were: Robert and Clara, who died in infancy; Jennie, wife of B. F. Brown, of Robinson Township; Douglas A., of Chicago; F. W.; Clement L., of Terre Haute, Ind.; John V., of Momence, Ill.; Loretta L., wife of Dr. Lewis F. Curl, of Paris, Ill.

F. W. Lewis was educated in the district school at Eaton, Ill., and at the Robinson High School, being graduated from the latter in 1884, after which he taught in the district schools for two years. He then worked in his father's store for about a year, meanwhile studying law with Judge Franklin Robb and P. G. Bradbury, and was admitted to the bar in November, 1888. For the following six months, he was employed by E. B. Myers & Co., publishers of law books, and traveled through the State of Indiana. Returning to Robinson, Mr. Lewis engaged in the practice of his profession in partnership with P. G. Bradbury, under the firm name of Bradbury & Lewis, and this connection continued until he was elected State's Attorney, when the partnership was dissolved. Finishing his term of office, Mr. Lewis practiced law alone for twelve years, but in September, 1902, purchased the "Robinson Constitution," which he conducted as sole proprietor and editor until January 1, 1909, when he sold a half-interest to F. E. Riker and J. R. Parkison, still retaining the position as editor. Since his original purchase of the paper its circulation has doubled. In politics it is Democrat and is the leading organ of the party in Crawford County.

In his political views Mr. Lewis exercises a strong influence in his party, and has been repeatedly called upon to represent it in an official capacity, serving ably as State's Attorney, Mayor of Robinson for two years, Alderman for two years, and for sixteen years was a member of the School Board, resigning in the spring of 1908. Fraternally, Mr. Lewis is also very prominent, belonging to the following orders: Knights of Pythias, in which he has filled all the chairs; Independent Order of Odd Fellows, also filling all the chairs in that order; A. F. & A. M.; Tribe of Ben Hur; Modern Woodmen and Modern American.

On September 10, 1900, Mr. Lewis married Hattie L. Cox, born in Hutsonville Township, Crawford County, Ill., a daughter of John T. and Lucinda J. (Buckner) Cox, the former a native of Crawford County, and the latter of Clark County, Ill. Mr. Cox is deceased, but his wife still survives, living in Robinson. Mrs. Lewis was the eldest of four children, the second being Manford E., who is the present State's Attorney of Crawford County; Estella (now deceased), was the third child, and married Paul Bean of Crawford County, while Merle, the youngest, married Roscoe Richards, of West Union, Clark County.

In the spring of 1898 Mr. Lewis, at the outbreak of the Spanish-American War, organized an infantry company at Robinson. The officers of the various volunteer companies of Southern Illinois met at Greenwich, Ill., and Mr. Lewis who was Captain of the Robinson Company was elected Major of the Battalion, the regiment being known as Knoph's Provisional Regiment, but on account of the early termination of the war, it did not leave the State.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis have one son, Kent Van, who was born August 29, 1904.

LEWIS, G. W. (deceased), one of the representative men of Crawford County, who for some years was manager of the Co-operative Company's Store at Robinson, Ill., was born in Montgomery County, Pa., April 5, 1835. His father, a physician, moved his family to Carroll County, Ohio, when G. W. Lewis was but a baby, and when he was four years old, he had the misfortune to lose his father. Later the family located in Columbiana County, Ohio, and there G. W. Lewis lived until 1870, when he came to Crawford County, Ill. He bought a farm of 200 acres in Hutsonville Township, but in 1877 became manager of the co-operative store at Robinson, and a year later returned to the farm, but resumed his duties as manager. In 1859 he married Elizabeth Calvin, a daughter of Robert Calvin, and they had the following children: Mrs. Jeannette Brown, Douglas A., Fernando W., Clement L., John V. and Loretto L.

LINCOLN, Robert R. (deceased), for many years a farmer of Licking Township, was born in Zanesville, Muskingum County, Ohio, December 19, 1822, a son of Leonard Lincoln, a machinist who moved to Zanesville at an early day, and worked in the first nail factory in Ohio. He was born in Massachusetts in 1800 and died in Zanesville in 1836. Soon after his location in Muskingum County, he married Nancy Dick, daughter of Esquire Dick, the first blacksmith of Falls Township. She was born in Pennsylvania about 1802. Seven sons were born to them: Robert R., John Dudley, George, Abraham, Elijah and one who died unnamed. After the death of Mr. Lincoln, Mrs. Lincoln married William Baker, who kept the first tavern in Falls Township, and she died in 1852. After receiving a fair common school education Robert R. Lincoln worked as a machinist and also on the river, coming to Crawford County in 1842, and for some years worked at anything he could find to do. In 1848 he entered land in Sections 29 and 31, Licking Township, and added 400 acres in an adjoining section to his original purchase of 160 acres. On January 5, 1850, he married Mary Lamb, daughter of William Lamb, and they had the following children: Charles B., Henry C., Emma J., Araminta and one who died in infancy. Mr. Lincoln was a great-nephew of former Governor Lincoln of Massachusetts, and tradition states that the Illinois branch of the Lincoln family springs from the same common

stock as General Benjamin Lincoln of Revolutionary fame.

LINDSAY, John T., who is numbered among the progressive young men of Crawford County, affords an excellent example of the prosperous citizens of Robinson, where he is engaged in oil and gas and real-estate business. Mr. Lindsay was born at Flat Rock, Crawford County, November 20, 1876, a son of James William and Hannah E. (Richards) Lindsay, the former born March 7, 1835, and the latter Jaunary 1, 1846, Mrs. Lindsay died May 22, 1897. The elder Mr. Lindsay is a farmer, owns 200 acres in the oil belt, has sixteen good producing wells on his property and is drilling more.

For a number of years John T. Lindsay was connected with the schools of Crawford County. After finishing a common school education, he attended the Central Normal School at Danville, Ind., and then taught in the County Schools, later taking a course in Austin College, at Effingham, Ill., from which he was graduated in 1902. He was then appointed Principal of the Effingham High School, later was made Principal of the Oblong and Hutsonville Schools, his experience as a teacher covering nine years, during which time he became one of the best known teachers in the county, as well as one of the most popular. In 1905, he came to Robinson to embark in the oil and realty business, in which he has continued ever since. Mr. Lindsay is a business man of marked ability and he is doing a large volume of business, handling some of the most valuable oil lands in the county. A Mason of high standing, he belongs to Robinson Lodge, No. 250, A. F. & A. M.; Robinson Chapter, No. 225, Robinson, Ill.; and Gorin Commandery, No. 14, Olney, Ill., and is also a member of the K. of P., Tribe of Ben Hur, and Modern Woodmen of America. In politics he is a Republican.

On August 10, 1905, Mr. Lindsay was married at Effingham, Ill., to Miss Edith Charlotte Holmes, daughter of William B. and Lena Holmes, both residing in Effingham, where Mr. Holmes is a leading attorney. Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay have one child, Forrest Holmes, born April 11, 1907.

LINDSAY, John Tolson, a veteran of the Civil War and one of the revered residents of Robinson, who at eighty-three years is still actively engaged in promoting the commercial activity of his town, was born at Versailles, Ripley County, Ind., January 28, 1825, a son of Hazel and Sallie (Ford) Lindsay, both natives of Henry County, Ky. The father was a hatter by trade, who followed his calling in Kentucky and Illinois and taught school for years in both States, but later took up government land in Crawford County, half a century ago. His first farm was 40 acres, to which he added until he owned 160 acres at the time of his death at the age of seventy-two years. His wife died at the age of sixty-seven. He was Assessor of Crawford County, filling that office for two terms, and he was taker of the government census at an early date.

John T. Lindsay lived on the farm until he was twenty years old, learning the trade of cigar maker, which he followed many years. For four years he was Postmaster, being appointed by President Benjamin Harrison, at Birds, Lawrence County, and later was agent for five years of the Adams Express Company at the same place. In politics Mr. Lindsay is a Republican, and he has done yeoman service for his party. He is a member of the G. A. R., Longenecker Post of Robinson, Ill. His religious home is in the Universalist Church, of which he has long been a member.

On October 25, 1840, Mr. Lindsay was married to Elizabeth Clayton, daughter of George P. and Rebecca (Fields) Clayton, both pioneers of Kentucky. Mrs. Lindsay died in 1897. The following are the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay: Leander S., born December 5, 1846, died August 2, 1864, in Jackson Hospital at Memphis, Tenn., after four months military service; Samuel T., born January 20, 1847, lives at Robinson, Ill.; Sarah Ann, born June 16, 1848, lives at Severy, Greenwood County, Kan., is married and has seven children; Martha, born February 10, 1854, lives in Lawrence County, Ill., is married and has three children; Susan Rebecca, born October 26, 1858, died October 23, 1865; Dr. N. F., born September 5, 1849, now living in Robinson, Ill.; Mary E., born January 22, 1861, married Dr. Wardell, both now deceased; Viola, born April 2, 1863, lives in Lawrence County, Ill., is married and has three children; Minnie and E. E., twins, born August 25, 1870, of whom Minnie lives with S. T. Lindsay.

The war record of Mr. Lindsay is very interesting, as he enlisted October 23, 1864, and during the time he was in service he participated in several bloody engagements, including the siege of Spanish Fort where Admiral Farragut won immortal fame. The siege lasted thirteen days, and the Union troops were under constant fire. Mr. Lindsay was not discharged until after General Lee's surrender. Mr. Lindsay was in Company C, Forty-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Captain Frederick commanding under General A. J. Smith of the Fifth Brigade, Sixteenth Corps.

Mr. Lindsay delights in his garden, where he works each day, taking a pride in raising the best of flowers and vegetables. His grandchildren love him, and he has many friends not alone of his own age, for he is a man who commands the respect and attention of all. A strong man mentally and physically, Mr. Lindsay is yet a prominent figure in local affairs, and what he has done in the past cannot be overestimated. Brave, noble-hearted, sincere, he has lived a long and useful life, and now all honor is due to him in his beautiful old age.

LINDSAY, Nathaniel F., M. D.—The Lindsay family is one of the oldest to be found in the three States of Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois, and its history is woven with that of these three commonwealths, while its representatives are

among the substantial and responsible citizens of the many other communities. In Robinson, Crawford County, three generations of the family are to be found: John T. Lindsay, his sons, Dr. N. F. Lindsay, Samuel T. Lindsay and E. E. Lindsay, a banker of Robinson and the children of the latter. There are others belonging to the family living in the Township, besides many others scattered over the three States before mentioned.

Dr. Nathaniel F. Lindsay was born in Montgomery Township, Crawford County, September 5, 1850, a son of John T. and Elizabeth (Clayton) Lindsay. After completing a common school education, Dr. Lindsay attended the State Normal University at Normal, Ill., later studying medicine at the University at Louisville, Ky., from which he was graduated with the degree of M. D. in March, 1878. Prior to beginning the practice of his profession, Dr. Lindsay taught school in Lawrence County, Ill., and after receiving his degree engaged in practice there, remaining until 1907, when he located at Robinson and has there built up a large and remunerative practice, and firmly established himself in the confidence of his patrons.

In 1871 in Montgomery Township, Crawford County, Dr. Lindsay married Miss Nancy J. Bristow. In 1886 he moved to Los Angeles, Cal., in the hopes of benefiting his wife's health, but it was in vain as she died in November of the same year. For two years he remained in California in the drug business, when he returned to Lawrence County to resume his practice. In 1890 he was appointed Surgeon of the Union Pacific Railroad at Rawlings, Wyo., remaining there one year, then he again came to Lawrence County. For four years he was Examining Surgeon for the United States Pension Department at Lawrenceville, Ill.

On October 16, 1907, Dr. Lindsay married Miss Effie Hughes of New Hebron, Crawford County, Ill. By his first marriage he had these children: Lulu, born July 4, 1872, who died at the age of thirty-three, the wife of Carey Roberts of Lawrence County; Willard C., born August 22, 1880, in Lawrence County, and now a court reporter residing in Chicago. Dr. Lindsay is a prominent Mason, being a member of the Oriental Consistory and Medinah Temple of Shriners of Chicago. In politics he is a Republican. Dr. and Mrs. Lindsay have a beautiful home in Robinson, where they dispense a charming hospitality. In comfortable circumstances, as the owner of his home and other valuable properties, Dr. Lindsay is in a position to devote attention to the scientific side of his profession, and while his practice is large, he does not confine himself exclusively to it. He is a man of wide experience, deep study, personally charming in manner and a delightful companion socially.

LINDSAY, Samuel T.—Although now retired from the more active duties of life, Samuel T. Lindsay of Robinson, Ill., has accomplished much in his useful career, and filled more than one important office with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his constituents. Mr. Lindsay was born January 20, 1847, one mile southeast of Flat Rock, Crawford County, Ill., a son of John and Elizabeth (Clayton) Lindsay, who emigrated from Kentucky to Illinois. A sketch of their lives appears in another part of this history. The grandfather, Hazael Lindsay, upon coming to Crawford County with his son John, entered a quarter-section of school land, the greater part of which was covered with white oak timber. He lived to be seventy-two. In Kentucky he learned to be a hatter, then learned shoe-making and followed both trades while farming. At one time he was Assessor of Crawford County. His sons, John and Amos, and Leander S., a son of John's, enlisted in 1864, Leander S. dying in the hospital at Memphis, Tenn., after a four months' service, but John and Amos came out unscathed after serving until the close of the war.

The children of John and Elizabeth (Clayton) Lindsay were: Leander S., born December 5, 1845; Samuel T., born January 20, 1847; Sarah A., born June 16, 1849; Dr. N. F., now practicing medicine at Robinson; Martha C.; Susan Rebecca; Mary E.; Viola; E. E., in the First National Bank of Robinson, and Minnie.

Samuel T. Lindsay attended the subscription school, then went to the Palestine High School, after which for ten years he taught school in Crawford County. On February 6, 1868, Mr. Lindsay married Miss Mary E. Harris, a daughter of William Harris of North Carolina, and Elizabeth (Roher) Harris, from Jessamine County, Ky. Although Mr. Lindsay and his wife have no issue, they have given homes and reared to manhood and womanhood three children of other families, namely: Samuel F. and Lillie M. Clayton, children of a brother of Mr. Lindsay's mother and May Lindsay Wardell, a daughter of his sister Mary E.—all three of whom have been educated under direction of Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay. Mr. Lindsay's youngest sister, Minnie, also resides with them. Their foster daughter, Lillie M., married C. L. Heustis, now a resident of Paris, Ill., and they have three children: Lawrence, Ruth and Ralph.

Mrs. Lindsay's mother, Mrs, Elizabeth (Roher) Harris, came with her parents Peter and Rachel (Buntin) Roher, from Kentucky to Crawford County, Ill., in 1829, traveling in a covered wagon, and camping out of nights. The country at that time was very wild. About 1841, William Harris came from North Carolina, in a covered wagon, with his parents, Joshua and Martha (McMahon) Harris. On June 24, 1843, Mr. and Mrs. Harris were married, and Mr. Harris died April 14, 1855. By this marriage there were two children: Mrs. Lindsay, and Sarah, who is the wife of W. B. Lillie of Poplar Bluff, Mo. After Mr. Harris' death, Mrs. Harris married Dr. Peter Hale, who came from England to Illinois, and owned a farm in Montgomery Township. For about fifty years he was engaged in the practice of medicine in Lawrence and Crawford Counties. By this marriage there were two children: Rev. William G., a Methodist clergyman, who died in 1902, and Emma, wife of George W.

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Mickey of Colorado. Dr. Hale died August 24, 1892. Mrs. Hale makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay, being now past eighty-four years of age. She is in possession of all her faculties, and talks entertainingly of early days.

In politics Mr. Lindsay is a Republican and in 1878 was elected Sheriff of Crawford County, overcoming a Democratic majority of 300. He has also served ten years as Secretary of the School Board. After occupying the office of Sheriff, he learned the business of photography, which he followed from 1880 to 1902 when he was appointed Postmaster of Robinson, and held that office for five years and two months. He now lives retired in his beautiful home, surrounded with orchard, garden, and an extensive lawn, devoting himself to the raising of choice fruits, vegetables and Plymouth Rock chickens, the latter having won the "blue ribbon" at various exhibitions. In addition to his handsome home property, Mr. Lindsay owns large oil producing lands in partnership with his brother, E. E. Lindsay. These brothers have a good farm one mile north of Hardinville, on which are eleven oil producing wells. Mr. Lindsay also owns a magnificent ten-acre orchard just outside the southwestern limits of Robinson. The Lindsay grapes are favorites throughout Crawford County, and Mr. Lindsay takes great pride in all his products of which he has made some beautiful photographic studies.

For twenty-five years Mr. Lindsay has been a member of the Methodist Church, and has served for many years on the official Board. Fraternally he belongs to the Odd Fellows, and the Knights of Pythias. He is recognized as one of the representative men of Crawford County, and has ably borne his part in its upbuilding and development. As a public official his record is absolutely clean, and he has discharged the duties pertaining to his several offices with the same conscientious honesty that characterizes whatever he attempts.

LITTLEJOHN, John William.—The agricultural prosperity of Crawford County is the outcome of the individual efforts of the farmers located there, whose broad fields, sleek cattle and commodious buildings testify to their prosperity. John William Littlejohn is one of the successful farmers and stock-raisers of Martin Township, and is conveniently located on Section 31. He was born in Honey Creek Township, April 6, 1864, a son of Duncan Littlejohn, now deceased, who was a farmer and early settler of Martin Township, although born in Alabama. From Alabama the family moved to Kentucky, thence to Indiana and there he was married to Elizabeth Suell, and two children were born to them, a son and a daughter. Coming to Illinois with his family, Duncan Littlejohn settled in Martin Township, but later spent ten years in Northern Illinois and Kansas engaged in farming. His wife died in 1854, and in 1856 he married Penelope (Van Meter) Diel, who was born in Kentucky and reared in Illinois. Her parents settled in Crawford County, where her father entered land from the Government, which he cleared and improved. She was the widow of William Diel and had a daughter by her first marriage. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Littlejohn, of whom William Littlejohn was the fifth child and third son. At the time of his death Duncan Littlejohn owned a farm in Martin Township, where he carried on farming and stock-raising. Politically he was a Democrat, and became very prominent in township affairs, holding the office of Highway Commissioner for three terms. He died in 1897 at the age of sixty-nine years.

John William Littlejohn was educated in the schools of his neighborhood, and saw something of the country in Northern Illinois and Kansas. On January 27, 1883, he married Anna Dunlop, who was born in Honey Creek Township but attended school in Martin Township. Her father Daniel Dunlop, now deceased, was a farmer of Martin Township and one of its early settlers. Mrs. Littlejohn's mother's maiden name was Maria Simons, and she was a member of an old family of Crawford County. When Mr. Littlejohn came from Kansas he bought 20 acres in Martin Township and began to clear and cultivate it. Having sold this in the fall of 1888 he moved to his present home, then consisting of 40 acres of raw land, which he cleared and has added to it until he now has 200 acres, the greater part of which he has cleared himself. Mr. and Mrs. Littlejohn are the parents of two children: John Franklin and Clarence, born in Rock Township, Cowley County, Kansas, and in Martin Township, Crawford County, Ill., where both were educated. Mr. Littlejohn has spent his life farming and stock-raising and thoroughly understands every part of the work. He has been a Democrat since he cast his first vote, and has taken an an active part in local affairs. For six years he held the position of Highway Commissioner, and is widely known and respected in his community.

LOWE, Judge Ausby Lawrence.—The Bench and Bar of Illinois have able representatives in Crawford County, men of learning, depth of character and keen discernment. Their long association with men of like caliber has rounded character, increased their versatility, and developed judges and lawyers of recognized ability. Perhaps no man so entirely carries out this generalization as does Judge Ausby Lawrence Lowe. Judge Lowe was born at Hutsonville, Crawford County, Ill., November 18, 1857, a son of Isaac N. Lowe, who was a native of Lawrence County, Ill., born November 9, 1829, and died on the sixth day of May, 1882, having been a pioneer of the county and a merchant of Hutsonville. The maiden name of Judge Lowe's mother was Amanda O. Hurst, who was born at Hutsonville, on the 15th day of June, 1839, dying on March 13, 1860. The father served during the Civil War and was mustered out at its close. On the maternal side of the family, Judge Lowe comes of the Barlow stock, his maternal grandparents being John R. and Nancy (Barlow) Hurst, who were among the earliest pioneers of Crawford

County, his grandmother being one of the first white children born in the County.

Judge Lowe attended the common school in Hutsonville, then took a course at Earlham College, at Richmond, Ind., after which he came to Robinson on December 3, 1877, when only twenty years old and accepted the position of Deputy Clerk of the Circuit Court, under Circuit Clerk John T. Cox. After seven years spent in this office, he became a candidate on the Democratic ticket for the office of Circuit Clerk, but was defeated. He then entered the office of Callahan & Jones, one of the leading law firms of Robinson, and after reading law for three years, was admitted to the Bar in 1888. Immediately thereafter he was made a member of the firm, the style being changed to Callahan, Jones & Lowe, which has continued. In June, 1893, Judge Lowe was elected Judge of the County Court, to fill an unexpired term of eighteen months. He then received the nomination for regular term in 1894, but was defeated. In 1898, however, he was elected and re-elected in 1902. He was the only Democrat elected on the ticket in 1902, which was an evidence of the appreciation of the people for his work. In 1898, only one other Democrat was elected with him, Edward Douglas, Superintendent of Schools. Judge Lowe also served two terms as Master in Chancery.

On November 20, 1879, Judge Lowe was married at York, Clark County, to Miss Alice Caroline Hodge, daughter of William B. Hodge, Sr. and Calista (Hillebert) Hodge. Mr. Hodge was a prosperous merchant and lived to the extreme age of ninety years. Mrs. Lowe was born at York, September 19, 1859, departed this life August 28, 1905, her remains being interred in the new cemetery at Hutsonville. She was forty-six years old at the time of her death, and has been deeply mourned, not only by her immediate family, but the many friends whom she had attached to her. Four children have been born to Judge and Mrs. Lowe. Ausby Lyman, born August 18, 1880, attended the high school and after graduating went to DePauw University at Greencastle, Ind., from which he was graduated in the class of 1902. He then attended Rush Medical College, Chicago, graduating in the class of 1905, and took an interne course at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Chicago, being there sixteen months. Thus fully equipped, he located in Robinson, where he has been ever since successfully engaged in his profession. The second member of the family is Clarence Hodge, born June 25, 1883. He attended High School and then began a course in dentistry in Chicago, and is now in his senior year. Ethelbert Coke, born February 25, 1888, graduated from High School in 1906, and is now a sophomore at DePauw University. Florence, the youngest, born September 17, 1890, is now in the senior year of the Robinson High School. Judge Lowe is one of the leaders of his party in Crawford County, as well as in his profession, and, although he has already given so many years of his life to public service, he will without doubt be called upon to fill still higher positions within the gift of the people who know his exceptional qualifications and respect his judicial character and his conscientious discharge of his official duties.

LOWRANCE, Greenbury.—Kentucky has furnished Illinois with some of its best citizens, the ever restless spirit of the born pioneer, ever pushing on towards the receding line of civilization, having induced many to leave comfortable homes in Kentucky to seek new ones within the confines of the Prairie State. G. B. Lowrance, a farmer and stock-raiser of Honey Creek Township, residing on Section 29, was born in Owen County, Ky., February 28, 1843, a son of William H. Lowrance, now deceased, who came from his native State to Honey Creek Township, Crawford County, with his Kentucky bred and reared wife, Drusilla Baker, and his five children, four of whom were born in Kentucky. This family exodus took place in 1843, and after his arrival in Crawford County, the father bought 40 acres of timber land and built upon it a home for his family. After clearing off his farm, he sold it and bought another of 40 acres in the same township, on which he built a log house, did some clearing and there remained until his death. His widow died at the home of her son Greenbury.

William H. Lowrance, with his son G. B. Lowrance, enlisted in September, 1861, in Company D, Thirty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Two other sons also participated in the war, Hiram being a member of the Thirtieth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and William H., a member of the Forty-first Illinois, and after serving their term of enlistment, all came out unharmed and became farmers of Honey Creek Township. The father was transferred to the invalid corps after two years of service, but Greenbury continued with his regiment until the close of the war, participating in the battles of Fredericktown, Mo.; Stone River, Tenn.; Big Shanty and Peach Tree Creek, Ala.; Jonesboro, Lovejoy and Nashville (the third battle), and Franklin, Tenn. (both first and second). The family have been Republicans from the formation of the party. William H. Lowrance was a member of the United Brethren Church.

All the educational advantages Mr. Lowrance enjoyed were received in the log school house of Honey Creek Township, and he worked hard assisting his father to clear the land. He was married February 17, 1866, to Fietta Daron, who was born in Indiana and reared and educated in Crawford County. She was a daughter of Daniel Daron, now deceased, who was a farmer of Honey Creek Township and a cooper by trade. He cleared 80 acres of land in the Township and resided upon it until his death. Mrs. Lowrance died in March, 1894. Mr. and Mrs. Lowrance had children as follows: Charles C., Eli, Albert, Noah, Fred, James, Dora, who married Elisha Nichols; Alice Lucinda, who married Arthur Parker, and three deceased—all born in Honey Creek Township. For his second wife Mr. Lowrance married Louvina Skaggs, widow of John M. Skaggs of Martin Township, on December 31,

1894. By her first marriage Mrs. Lowrance had seven children, two of whom are dead, the others being: James Thomas, John Milton, Sim Allen, Marian Frances and Ina May. The present Mrs. Lowrance was a daughter of Allison and Margaret (Aimes) Bailey, who came from Morgan County, Ind., to Martin Township, Crawford County, about fifty years ago, and lived there until their death.

Mr. Lowrance located on his present farm of 80 acres in 1890. Prior to that he had owned and cleared off a farm of 80 acres in the township, which he bought from a brother of Senator Allison. This he sold at a profit and purchased his present property. He has cleared this off, too, and made some excellent improvements upon it. He is a good farmer and manager, and is a consistent member of the Missionary Baptist Church.

MAGILL, John M.—The early history of Illinois is filled with the record of the lives of its pioneers, who have always played so important a part in the development of any community. There always have to be those brave, sturdy, adventurous people who dare everything and fear nothing, in order that a beginning may be made. Some came for mere love of adventure, but the majority were filled with that intense yearning for an opportunity to make a home for themselves and their families. Kentucky, once the seat of so much frontier life, has furnished Illinois with many of its most desirable citizens, and it was in the County of Lincoln, in that State, that William Magill, the father of John Magill of Section 3, Montgomery Township, Crawford County, was born. He was there educated and lived until he was twenty-one, when he came to Crawford County, entered land which he cleared off and developed into a good farm. The children born to himself and wife were: Julia, Mary and Annis (deceased), Allen, John M., William, Mary and Emma, who are still living. Allen married Mary Maddox, but they had no issue, and after her death he married Lillie Farrell, and they have one child, Leonard, and live at Merom, Ind. Emma married Lemon Burkett, and they live on the old homestead, having two boys, Hugh and Herschell.

John M. Magill was educated in the schools of his native Township of Montgomery, where he was born December 28, 1854. When only twenty years old he began teaching, his first school being in Honey Creek Township, where he remained three years, then becoming a teacher in Montgomery Township for two years, and for one term taught in La Motte Township. After teaching for five years he attended Merom College, for one year, when he went to the Terre Haute (Ind.) Business College, which he attended for one year.

Returning home, he was married February 8, 1882, to Rosa Duncan, a daughter of John Duncan of Montgomery Township, and they have one child. Following his marriage Mr. Magill removed to Arkansas City, Kan., where he engaged in mercantile business, which for years he operated successfully. His wife having died there, August 6, 1886, he then sold his mercantile interests and returned to Crawford County, locating on his present property. In 1887 he bought 120 acres, which form his present homestead. On August 3rd of that year he married Etta Ford, a daughter of Joseph Ford, and they have three children: Ethel, Edith and Velna, all of whom are at home and attending school.

Since casting his first vote, Mr. Magill has been a Republican, always supports the candidates of his party and is much pleased when the Republicans score a victory. He and his family are active members of the Methodist Church, and they give liberally, both of money and time, to its good work. Mr. Magill has always been a hard working man, and has succeeded in accumulating a considerable property through his own industry and economy. Naturally he and his wife take great pride in their children, and are giving them a good education designing to fit them for a successful and happy life. In their church relations the family are very fortunate, for they are among congenial people, and their efforts meet with hearty appreciation. Probably, it is not too much to say that the Magill family is as fairly representative as any of the very best interests of the farming element of Crawford County, where their name is so well and favorably known.

MAIL, Isaac Doll, Jr.—After a family has been settled in any community for several generations, an affection for it springs up in the heart of each individual, and the word home has a different meaning from that it has to one who is a new comer. The Mail family is an old one in Crawford County, Ill., where it is closely identified with the development and improvement of the land, and among the successful members of it is Isaac Doll Mail, Jr., who was born March 28, 1870, in La Motte Township. He is a son of Isaac Doll Mail, Sr., who was born in La Motte Township, March 6, 1831. The elder Isaac D. Mail married Mary Boatright, who was also born in La Motte Township, where her people, like the Mails, were pioneers of Crawford County.

Isaac D. Mail, Jr., attended the comman and high schools, leaving school in 1887 when he began farming. His farm is a well-cultivated one of 200 acres, upon which stands a comfortable house, while his barns and outbuildings are substantial. In politics Mr. Mail is a Democrat, but has never held public office, although deeply interested in all public improvements. On November 2, 1897, he married Emma Sager at the Methodist parsonage at Flat Rock, the Rev. Lafayette Wilkin officiating. Mrs. Mail is a daughter of John and Isabelle Sager, farmers. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Mail are as follows: Mary Isabelle, born September 18, 1898; John Frederick, born April 6, 1900; Lily, born January 11, 1902; William, born November 1, 1905. Mrs. Mail was born in Montgomery Township, August 5, 1877, and is a Methodist, having been a member of that Church for the past eleven years.

MAIL, Isaac Doll, Sr.—Among the distinguished men of Crawford County, Ill., and one who has taken a prominent part in the upbuilding and development of this part of the State, is the venerable Isaac Doll Mail, Sr., at one time Associate Judge of Crawford County, as well as County Treasurer, who is a native of the county, having been born four miles southeast of Robinson, March 6, 1831, a son of Frederick Mail. The latter was born four miles southeast of Vincennes, Ind., about 1805, and his father was one of the first settlers under the French in this locality. Frederick Mail learned the trade of blacksmithing, and came to Crawford County about 1828, settling in La Motte Township, where he bought 160 acres, to which he later added 320 acres. Later he bought more until he owned 600 acres, as well as town property in Palestine, including the Wilson Tavern, which was located on the present site of David Fife's hardware store. He refused any public office, although he had many opportunities offered him. He lived and died on his homestead, one of the prominent and honored men of Crawford County, about 1871, and was buried on the Wyatt Mills farm in La Motte Township. Frederick Mail married Louisa McGahey, a daughter of David McGahey, of Tennessee. She was one of a family of five children, and died in Palestine about 1870, and is buried by the side of her husband. Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Mail had children as follows: David Marlin, born June 10, 1829, died unmarried about 1856 on the old homestead; Isaac Doll; John T., born in 1843, lives in Fremont, Neb., where he is a farmer, is married and has two boys living and one deceased.

The education of Isaac D. Mail was received in the old-fashioned log schoolhouse, but he was thoroughly grounded in the common branches. The year of his marriage, his father gave him a farm of 94 acres, of which about thirty acres had been cleared, and on which was located a small log house with a stick chimney. Mr. and Mrs. Mail located in this house, which was later replaced by a frame building. Later they removed to another farm which Mr. Mail had purchased and here he erected a two-story residence, which was the family home until the fall of 1906, when he purchased the present home at No. 501 Pine Street, Robinson.

In October, 1855, Mr. Mail was married, in La Motte Township, to Mary P. Boatright, daughter of Samuel Boatright, and they have had seven children: Julia, who married Fernando St. Clergy, a dentist of Robinson, and has had three girls and a boy, the latter being deceased; Marlin (now deceased), married June Revell, daughter of A. J. Revell of Crawford County, and they had seven children, four of whom are living; Albert Thomas, married Nettie Hedden, of Robinson, and they have two boys and a girl; Virginia (is also deceased); John F., who is married and is a prominent attorney of Denver, Colo.; Isaac D., Jr., who married Emeline Sager, a daughter of John Sager, and they have two girls and two boys. The first Mrs. Mail died in 1873, in October, at the home place. The second Mrs. Mail was Mollie Poland of Xenia, Ohio, who died about 1885, leaving no issue. The third Mrs. Mail was Adelpha Meskimen, daughter of David and Martha Meskimen, who came to Crawford County from Ohio.

In politics, Mr. Mail is a Jacksonian Democrat. He was County Treasurer of Crawford County for three years (1881 to 1884), and Associate Judge from 1861 to 1863. Fraternally, he is a Mason and has always been active in that order.

MALONE, Dr. A. (deceased), one of the honored physicians and surgeons of Palestine, Ill., was born March 20, 1819, in Gibson County, Ind., the son of James Malone, born in Woodford County, Ky., in 1792, was a farmer by occupation and died in 1877 in Owensville, Ind. He married Christina Hunter, who died in Owensville, Ind., having been the mother of five children. Dr. Malone graduated from the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, in 1846, after having been employed as clerk and engaged in teaching school in order to earn money sufficient to pursue his medical studies. After graduation he went to Albion, Ill., and there practiced two years, when he moved to Lawrenceville, Ill. In 1850 Dr. Malone located in Palestine, and built up a large practice, at the same time operating a general store and a pharmacy. In addition, Dr. Malone found time to carry on a great deal of literary work, being the author of "Bible and Religion," and the "Age to Come," as well as an honored contributor to the "Cincinnati Gazette" and other political papers, the Chicago "Medical Times," the Cincinnati Medical Journal," and the "American Journal of Medicine," in addition to several religious papers, such as the "Prophetic Watchman," the "Gospel Banner," the "Herald of the Coming Kingdom" and the "Restitution." In December, 1842, Dr. Malone married Miss E. Fisher, who died in Palestine in 1861, having borne him three children: Alva C., Rosaline, and Abraham Lincoln. December 16, 1862, Dr. Malone married Miss A. M. Bisbee, born in Union Mills, Ind., who has borne him one son, Percy B. Mrs. Malone was educated by the late President James A. Garfield, at Hiram College, Ohio.

MARSHALL, Joseph F. (deceased), who for many years was County Surveyor and lived at Oblong, Crawford County, was born July 11, 1820, in Virginia, from whence he was taken at the age of thirteen years to Hamilton County, Ind., by his parents, and in the new home helped his father clear off the land. The farm was one and one-half miles west of Westfield, and there the father died in 1833, aged forty-two, and his widow died in the fall of 1834. For some years after the death of his parents, Joseph F. Marshall went from one to another county in Indiana, and operated several saw-mills as manager, until 1848, when he went to Philadelphia and became a merchant. In 1861 he came to Oblong Township and settled on a farm, there remaining until 1881, when he rented the farm and came to the village of Oblong. In 1875 he was

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elected County Surveyor and held that office for many years, as well as that of Justice of the Peace. On January 5, 1843, he married Susan Bryket, a native of Indiana, by whom he had four children: Mary Elizabeth, John, Henry and Joseph A.

MARTIN, Harrison.—Pioneers of Illinois led a hard life for many years, and many did not live to reap the fruits of their labors. In Crawford County conditions were particularly hard on account of the large amount of swamp land which, for many years, was practically useless. Other parts were in heavy timber, which had to be cleared off before crops could be planted. Indians were still roaming the prairies when Harrison Martin was born in Crawford County, three miles south of Palestine, June 22, 1829. His father, John Martin, who was born in Georgia, January 7, 1784, and died October 15, 1858, settled in Crawford County in 1810, before Illinois was a State, and John Martin's brother, Daniel, who came at the same time, first settled in La Motte Township, and later, about 1814, moved to Martin Township, which was named in his honor, there purchasing Government land at $1.25 per acre. John Martin entered land south of Palestine and commenced his battle with wild animals, Indians, timber and swamp. The Indians becoming restless, as a matter of precaution he took refuge in the log fort at Palestine, where he spent much of the time during the War of 1812-15.

A number of distressing events during this period indicated that the Indians were on the warpath in earnest. A Mr. Dixon was feeding his stock in his own yard, when he was murdered by the Indians, two bullets entering his body. They mutilated the body, taking out the heart, which they set up on a pole in his yard. A Mr. Hutson, after whom the present town of Hutsonville is named, returned from work across the Wabash River to find his family murdered and his home burned. He was almost crazed with grief and joined what was called "the Rangers," spending all of his time trying to avenge the murder of his family by driving out the savages, but was finally killed by them.

John Martin's first land purchase consisted of 80 acres bought from the Government at $1.25 per acre. Later he bought school land at $6.00 per acre and cleared off every acre of it. His nearest market was Vincennes, Ind., and for some time the only product sent to market was honey and beeswax. In September and October he hunted the buck deer and marketed the hides and hams, with these purchased groceries and other necessaries. His wife's maiden name was Margaret Garrard, who was a native of South Carolina. Her death occurred January 7, 1855, aged sixty-three, on the home place, three miles south of Palestine. She and her husband had seven sons and five daughters, all now deceased except Harrison Martin and a sister, Bethany Mills, who at the age of eighty-four is living on a farm three miles south of Palestine.

Harrison Martin attended the old log schoolhouse where was held the subscription school, three miles south of the homestead. Later the Baptist Church was used as a schoolhouse. After he had attained his majority, Mr. Martin attended the first free school, which was held at Vernon on the Vincennes Road. Following this he taught for one term, and then began farming, which he continued until September, 1906, when he bought his comfortable home in Robinson where he now lives retired from active life. He is a Jacksonian Democrat, and for the past twenty years has belonged to the Methodist Church.

Mr. Martin's first marriage took place one mile northeast of Hardinville, October 5, 1851, to Catherine Lemon, a daughter of William B. and Mary (Stalcup) Lemon, formerly farmers of Greene County, Ind., who came to Crawford County in 1849. Mrs. Martin died in Martin Township, August 22, 1887. On June 26, 1890, Mr. Martin was married in Oblong Township to Mary C. Parkinson, widow of Dr. J. D. Parkinson, and daughter of John and Elizabeth Laboyteaux, natives of Ohio and Kentucky, respectively. Mrs. Martin had a son and daughter by her first marriage: Joseph Raymond, born in Hardinville, September 27, 1884, engaged in business in Robinson and is unmarried; and Bessie Riker, born in Oblong January 28, 1878, married Frank Riker and they have two boys and one girl. Mr. Riker is editor of the "Wamego Times," of Wamego, Kan. The children born to Mr. Martin by his first marriage were: Emily, deceased, who married Edwin Cook, and had one daughter; John A., of Wisconsin, has four sons; William E., resides in Martin Township; Mary Louisa, died in infancy; James A., died aged five years; Rose, wife of Nelson D. Reed, of Oblong Township: Ida is the wife of William Keiffer, of Springfield, Okla.; Thomas J., died aged two years; three children died at birth; and Sylvester, living on the home place.

The farm Mr. Martin still owns contains 79 acres and he has sixteen producing oil-wells on it, and is constantly drilling for more. He is a man who has always been prominent in his community and has many friends at his old home and in Robinson.

MAXWELL, Darius A.—One of the pioneer families of Crawford County whose members have borne their part in its development and improvement, is that of the Maxwells, and its representatives are all men of intelligence, who have engaged in many callings, although the preference appears to be for farming. Darius A. Maxwell, a farmer and stock-raiser of Section 25, Martin Township, was born in his present home, November 30, 1864, a son of John D. Maxwell, now deceased, who came at an early date from Blount County, Tenn., and settled in Crawford County, remaining with his parents until he settled on Section 25, Martin Township, after his marriage with Rosa Garrett, who was born in Crawford County. She was a daughter of Wil-

son Garrett, also a pioneer of the County, who settled in Honey Creek Township.

The young couple settled on land which became their new home then consisting of 40 acres of timber land, and John D. Maxwell began to fell the trees in order to clear it for farming purposes. When the Civil War came he was not found lacking in patriotism, but enlisted and died in service. He had adopted the principles of the new party and died a Republican. He left a widow and two sons, Harlan and Darius A.

Having lost his mother when three days old, and thus left an orphan, Darius was taken by his grandparents and reared in Honey Creek Township, where he was married on February 9, 1887, to Alice Van Winkle, born in Honey Creek Township, a daughter of William Van Winkle. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell settled in their present home, and Mr. Maxwell set himself to the task of improving it. He added 80 acres, and now owns 120 acres of as good farming land as can be found in the township. Oil was discovered on it in 1905, and he now has ten wells in active operation. Nearly all of the improvements on the place were made by him, and he has a substantial home and barns, while his premises are kept in excellent condition. Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell have two children: Claude and Frank, both born in their present home. Mr. Maxwell is a Democrat in politics, and fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, No. 4677 of Hardinville. He and his wife are members of the United Brethren Church.

MAXWELL, Fred Lincoln.—It is often difficult properly to estimate the good done by a man until after his death. Then it is that his deeds, whether good or evil, stand out in their true character. The pioneers of Illinois, while living, receive very little praise for their wonderful work of developing the State and placing it so high among other commonwealths, but after they have passed away, the honor which is theirs surrounds their names, and their descendants reap the benefits of what the pioneers sowed in hard work and under many discouragements, sometimes with halting footsteps, scarcely knowing which way to turn. The Maxwell family, which was established in Crawford County by Archibald Maxwell and his wife, who located in Honey Creek Township at an early day and there spent the remainder of their lives, is intimately associated with the history of the county, and among its prominent representatives is Fred Maxwell of Honey Creek Township, Section 3, who was born on the farm where he now resides, March 29, 1865.

The late William Addison Maxwell was a man of considerable force of character, who made his influence felt in the township. He was born in Tennessee, December 19, 1833, and there was reared and educated. When a young man he came from his native State, some time in the forties, to Crawford County, Ill., with his father, James Maxwell, and the family entered land in the woods within the confines of Honey Creek Township to the amount of 280 acres, which they at once began to improve. Before leaving Tennessee, James Maxwell had married Margaret Dixon, also of Tennessee, and they had four daughters and five sons, one of whom was born after their arrival in Honey Creek Township, and of them William Maxwell was the eldest son. The death of James Maxwell occurred in the Township in 1865, that of the mother having preceded in 1864.

William Maxwell started out in his business life with ninety acres of land which he partially cleared himself and improved. His marriage occurred January 29, 1863, to Margaret J. Love, who was born in Tennessee and brought to Crawford County when sixteen years of age by her parents, William S. and Clarinda J. (Hamil) Love, both natives of Tennessee, where they were reared, educated and married. Mr. Love was born September 30, 1812, and his wife September 19, 1821, and they came to Crawford County in 1858. There the father bought 120 acres, which he had partially cleared besides making other improvements. He lived in Honey Creek Township until his death, August 31, 1899, his wife passing away March 31, 1900. In politics he was a Democrat, and he and his wife were members of the Associate Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Maxwell was the eldest of eight children, and they were all educated in the log school houses of that period, Mrs. Maxwell being educated in Tennessee, and the rest of the family in Crawford County. William A. Maxwell resided on his homestead until his death, which occurred when he was only thirty-nine years old, July 22, 1873. He was first married to Martha Duncan, who died, and by whom he had one daughter, also deceased. A life-long Republican, he took a deep interest in party affairs. He was a member of the Associate Presbyterian Church. Two sons and two daughters were born to William and Margaret (Love) Maxwell, namely: Frederick Lincoln, Lilly M., Belle and Ira.

Frederick Lincoln Maxwell was educated in the primitive log school house, and worked hard on the farm. May 29, 1895, he was married to Nora Bishop, born in Kentucky but brought by her parents, Thomas and Malissa (Redmon) Bishop, to Crawford County when sixteen years of age. Her father is a farmer of Honey Creek Township, a sketch of whom appears eleswhere in this volume. Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell had three children: Verna, Ralph and Everett, all born on the present farm. Mrs. Frederick L. Maxwell died, April 2, 1902, and he and his widowed mother reside on the 195 acres of the homestead, a portion of which was cleared by Mr. Maxwell, and forty-five acres of which Mrs. Maxwell inherited from her father. In addition to adding sixty acres to the old homestead, Mr. Maxwell has made many of the present improvements. They have an oil and gas well on the farm, which adds much to its value. His mother is a member of the Associate Presbyterian Church, and both are well and favorably known throughout the township.

MAXWELL, George H. (deceased).—After the demise of any one much that was overlooked during life is remembered, and deeds, which the modesty of the one who has passed away hid from view, are discovered. George H. Maxwell, who was a farmer and stock-raiser of Section 1, Honey Creek Township, Crawford County, was a man whose services to his county and township were rendered cheerfully and ably, and whose example still serves as a standard for the rising generation. Mr. Maxwell was born in Tennessee, in 1828, a son of Archelaus and Margaret Maxwell, who were natives of Tennessee, where they were married. He emigrated to Crawford County with his family, settling in Honey Creek Township where he entered, cleared and improved a good farm.

George H. Maxwell was married in Tennessee to Margaret McKamey, by whom he had two sons and three daughters. Bringing his family with him, Mr. Maxwell came with his father to Crawford County, Ill., and they settled on the same property. There his wife died. On May 21, 1878, he married Mary (Daly) Updyke, who was born in Kentucky, and was about fourteen years old when brought to Crawford County by her parents, Robert and Sophia (Martin) Daly. They settled in Honey Creek. An uncle of Mrs. Maxwell, Royal Daly, had located in Honey Creek Township and entered and cleared property there. Mrs. Maxwell attended the schools of the neighborhood. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell located on the present homestead of 200 acres, the greater part of which was cleared, and he immediately began improvements thereon, erecting a good home, barn and other outbuildings. He carried on general farming and stock-raising. Mr. Maxwell served in the Mexican War as Sergeant. He and his wife had two children: Alta and George H.

Mrs. Maxwell was married to John Updyke prior to her second marriage, and he was a son of one of the Virginia pioneers of Crawford County. The elder Mr. Updyke cleared off about 300 acres in the county. Mrs. Maxwell had six children by her first marriage: McClellan and Sylvester, both deceased; Ella; Johanna; Lelia, deceased; and Orval, all born in Honey Creek Township.

Mr. Maxwell was a Republican in politics, and took an active part in township affairs, although he never desired public office. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church. A man of kindly spirit, unassuming, affable and naturally generous, he made many friends. His relations with his neighbors were of the most friendly character, and his demise, which occurred in June, 1900, was regarded as a public calamity.

McCARTY, George D., attorney-at-law, a patriotic citizen, and an independent thinker, and a representative of the best product in Illinois life, was born in Vermilion County, Ill., near the Indiana State line, May 31, 1867, a son of Alexander and Harriet A. (Good) McCarty. The father was a native of County Derry, Ireland, while his wife was born near Hebron, O. Although a weaver by trade, the father later followed farming, and it was upon his farm that George D. McCarty was reared. He received a good education, first going to the common school at Hardinville, Crawford County, then to the State Normal School at Normal, Ill., later entering the Central Normal at Danville, Ind., and finishing with three terms at the Union Christian College at Merom, Ind After this Mr. McCarty farmed and taught school in Martin Township, in the meanwhile studied law and was admitted to the bar August 25, 1895, at Mt. Vernon, Ill. He was principal of the public schools at Oblong, Ill., for two years, after which he moved to Robinson in May, 1893, and there continued the study of law with Bradbury & McHutton, being admitted at the time and shortly after forming a partnership with Judge W. C. Jones, under the style of Jones & McCarty, but upon the admission of Mr. Arnold the name was changed to Jones, McCarty & Arnold. Still later Judge Jones withdrew and the present style of McCarty & Arnold was adopted. This firm has the best working law library in the county, and probably controls the largest law practice, being connected with some of the most important cases in their part of the State.

Mr. McCarty is a Republican in politics, and fraternally a member of the A. F. & A. M., belonging to Robinson Chapter and Gorgin Commandery, Olney, Ill. On December 13, 1891, Mr. McCarty was married to Miss Laura Haskin at Hardinville, born September 9, 1866, a daughter of Robert E. Haskin, one of the early settlers of Crawford County. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. McCarty are: Inez A., Willie, Everett Prentice, Palmer G., Gertrude, Harry Edward, Herbert Frederick and George H. Mr. McCarty owns his handsome residence on West Chestnut street, as well as very valuable oil-lands near Hardinville. He is a useful, high-minded, exemplary citizen who has done much for Robinson, and whose success as a lawyer is not measured by his years.

McCLURE, Samuel H.—Coming of an old pioneer family of Crawford County, Samuel H. McClure has an excellent recollection of the early days in its history and can appreciate the many wonderful changes which have taken place here, especially in his native Township of Honey Creek, where he was born September 8, 1852. His father is associated with many of these improvements, and bore his part in clearing off the land and placing it under cultivation. Samuel H. McClure is a son of William H. McClure, who was born in Ireland and came to the United States when a boy. Coming to Crawford County, he located in Honey Creek Township and entered the present property of his son, Samuel H. McClure, and later became the proprietor of other farms in the township. Eighty acres of the original farm was covered with heavy timber, of which he cleared 40 acres. He was married in Crawford County, Ill., to Hannah A. Wright, who was born in Indiana, but was brought to Crawford County in girlhood by her parents.

She was a daughter of Josiah Wright, a tanner, who followed his trade in Honey Creek Township. Mrs. McClure was reared in the township and attended the little log school. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. McClure settled on what is now the Moore farm, cleared off a portion of it and also cleared the farm now known as the Dunlap farm. He then returned to the homestead, and rented his other properties. He and his wife had the following children: John (deceased), Samuel H., Albert (deceased), James, Thomas (deceased), Mary Jane (deceased), and William, all born in Honey Creek Township.

In the early part of 1865, Mr. McClure enlisted in Company H, the One Hundred and Fifty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and his death occurred in Tennessee while in the service. He was a Democrat in politics, and in religious matters, was a consistent member of the Methodist Church. His death occurred in 1864, and he left behind a name no act of his had ever tarnished.

Samuel H. McClure was married on April 10, 1878, to Ethelinda Clark, who was born in Crawford County, a daughter of John Clark, a prosperous farmer of Honey Creek Township. One child was born of this marriage—Della. Mrs. McClure died in 1879, after a year of married life. On September 16, 1880, Mr. McClure married Sally Hardy, a daughter of John Hardy of Honey Creek Township. Mrs. McClure was brought in childhood to Crawford County by her parents, and was there reared. Mr. and Mrs. McClure have children as follows: John, Addie, Noah, Nellie, Earl, William, Mary, Loy, and three who died in infancy, all of their children having been born in the township. After marriage, Mr. McClure moved on his present farm, which he finished clearing. He has made all of the improvements, and has a very fine piece of property, consisting of 79½ acres, which he devotes to general farming and stock-raising. In politics he is a Democrat, and has served as Township Clerk for two terms. He is a member of the Independent Order of Fellows, Flat Rock Lodge. He and Mrs. McClure are members of the Methodist Church.

McCOLPIN, Francis Elmer.—Few fully appreciate the importance of the tiller of the soil, or know how much depends upon his efforts and the success of his undertakings. If crops fail, bad times ensue. The manufacturer may manufacture to a certain extent, but if the farmer has no money, the merchant cannot sell, the market is overstocked, laborers are thrown out of employment, and a panic comes. Crawford County is exceedingly fortunate in having among its farmers, men who understand their work and how to get out of their land a good share of profit, and at the same time preserve the fertility of their broad fields. Of these, Francis Elmer McColpin, although a young man, is an excellent farmer and a prosperous resident of Martin Township, located on Section 27. He was born on his present property, December 14, 1880, a son of Levi McColpin, a farmer, who was born in Crawford County, four miles south of Palestine, in 1835, the latter being a son of Abram McColpin, deceased, a pioneer of Crawford County, but born and reared in Scotland. The grandmother of Francis Elmer McColpin was Jemima Higgins, of Irish descent but reared in Kentucky. After marriage Abram T. McColpin and wife settled near Palestine, but later bought the farm on Section 27, which he cleared and placed under cultivation, and there he lived until his death. He and his wife had ten children, of whom Levi McColpin was the ninth.

Levi McColpin was educated in the early schools of his neighborhood, and at the same time learned to farm. In 1861, he married Elizabeth Cox, born and reared in Crawford County, where the Cox family is an old and honored one. They had children as follows: Elvina (deceased), Mary C., John William, James Abraham (deceased), Charles Levi, Elzara E. (deceased), George Anderson, Della Delilah (deceased), Francis Elmer, and Rosa Theodosia, all born on the present farm. The original farm was added to by Levi McColpin, until it now embraces 238½ acres of fine land. He worked hard upon the property, made many improvements and has a home of which all the family may well be proud. His political belief has made him a life-long Democrat. In religious matters he is an adherent of the United Brethren Church.

Francis Elmer McColpin attended the district schools of Martin Township, and learned to farm with his father. On April 14, 1904, he married Sarah Ella Good, born at Mattoon, Ill., but who came to Crawford County when a child, and was reared in Martin Township. She was a daughter of Levi Cox, deceased, a farmer of Martin Township, and the widow of Charles Good, also a farmer of the Township. Mr. and Mrs. Good had one son named William. By her second marriage, Mrs. McColpin has had no children. Mr. McColpin helped his father to clear off and improve the land, and is devoted to his work. In 1906 oil was discovered on the property, and there are now seventeen wells in active operation. Like his father, Mr. McColpin is a Democrat, and also a member of the United Brethren Church. He has always been an industrious, hardworking, frugal young man, honorably discharging all duties placed on his shoulders, and he certainly retains in marked degree the respect and confidence of his community.

McCRORY, George Bradbury.—The name of McCrory is connected with much of the pioneer history of this part of the State, as well as with the raising and training of thoroughbred horses and fine blooded stock. George Bradbury McCrory is a native of Crawford County, having been born on a farm near Hutsonville, June 19, 1869, a son of Winfield McCrory, who was born in Marshall County, Tenn., February 20, 1825. Although eighty-two years old, Winfield McCrory is as active as a man of fifty, and for many years he has been engaged in raising and training thoroughbred horses and blooded stock. He came with his parents, James and Diana (Drake) McCrory,

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to Crawford County from Tennessee in the fall of 1830.

James and Diana McCrory were natives of North Carolina, and married in that State. James McCrory's parents were born in Ireland, while his wife's parents were natives of Scotland, and they all emigrated to America. William McCrory, father of James, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. After coming to Crawford County, Winfield McCrory's father located in Hutsonville Township, where James farmed until his death, which occurred in the fall of 1851 when he was sixty-five years of age, while his wife died in 1839.

On August 12, 1868, Winfield McCrory married Zylpha Jane (Stiles) Hill, who was born in Hutsonville Township, September 8, 1834, a daughter of Silas and Betsy (Cox) Stiles, the former of whom was born in New York State, July 9, 1808, and died in Hutsonville Township, July 3, 1858; and the latter, born August 3, 1813, in North Carolina, and died in Crawford County at the age of eighty-two. They were married in Hutsonville Township. Mrs. Betsy (Cox) Stiles came to Crawford County with her mother when a small child, about 1816 or 1818, they making the trip with a colony of early settlers from North Carolina, with an ox-team. At the time of her death she was the last survivor of sixty-five people who were of this party. Zelpha Jane Stiles first married William Franklin Hill, who died in March, 1862. By this marriage there were four children, two of whom died in infancy, the others being William Franklin, and Sara Ann, wife of John R. McCrory. By her marriage with Mr. McCrory, she had four children: George B., Winfield Scott (deceased), Amanda Lucinda (deceased), and Clara Belle, wife of Frank Hathaway. Mrs. McCrory died February 25, 1894, in Hutsonville Township. Winfield McCrory was first married March 9, 1852, to Lucinda Boatright, who was born November 14, 1832, in Palestine Township, Crawford County, and died in Tennessee in February, 1866. By this marriage there were five children: John R., James L., Mary Elizabeth (deceased), Sara B. (deceased), and Lucy J., wife of James Pace.

George B. McCrory was educated in the schools of his district, and having spent his life among horses, can handle and train them as can very few men, for it is second nature to him. Both he and his father have so associated themselves with horses that it is often said of the two, "What they don't know about horses isn't worth knowing." Until quite recently Mr. McCrory was the senior member of the firm of McCrory & Cunningham. This firm did an immense business in buying and shipping live-stock. During thirteen weeks of 1906 they shipped out of St. Louis to eastern markets, $150,000 worth of live stock. In the stables of McCrory can always be seen numbers of the finest horses, both racers and trotters, to be found in the country. In addition to his large livestock interests he is the owner of valuable oil machinery, and is contracting in the oil fields for drilling wells and pulling abandoned ones. He owns two strings of tools and a set of hydraulic jacks.

On December 16, 1894, Mr. McCrory married Miss Flora Newlin, daughter of J. T. Newlin, a farmer. She was born February 25, 1876, and died March 12, 1899. Three children were born of this marriage: Eugene, born October 5, 1895; Velma Catherine, born October 28, 1896, and Zylphia Glenora, born May 22, 1898. On July 25, 1900, Mr. McCrory married in Hutsonville, Elsie M. Correll, a widowed daughter of M. T. and Emma (Newlin) Riegel. The father is a blacksmith of Hutsonville. One child, Arthur, was born April 9, 1902. Mr. and Mrs. McCrory occupy a handsome modern residence of twelve rooms, surrounded with spacious verandas, set in the midst of a lovely lawn and dotted with flowers and great trees. This home place covers two acres and is fully supplied with every modern convenience, including large stables and abundant water.

In politics, Mr. McCrory is a Democrat, as is his father who lives with him. As Mr. McCrory is so busy with his own affairs, he has never had time to respond to any demands of his fellow citizens that he occupy public office. Mr. and Mrs. McCrory, with the elder Mr. McCrory are genial entertainers, and hosts of friends gladly avail themselves of their open-handed hospitality, sure of a warm welcome.

McGAHEY, Charles Allen.—England is not alone in its pride of family. Americans are just as proud of being descended from upright, industrious parents, whose names are honored and whose acts have made the history of the communities with which they have been associated, as are any inheritors of foreign titles. Particularly in Crawford County, Ill., are there families which trace their lineage back several generations in the county, and have on their genealogical trees names connected with the learned professions and various lines of industrial and commercial enterprise. Charles Allen McGahey is a member of just such a family, and his forebears, for several generations on both sides, have been located in Crawford County. Mr. McGahey was born in La Motte Township, January 10, 1857, a son of James Allen and Dorcas (Walters) McGahey, the former born in Palestine, Ill., March 15, 1830, became a farmer during his business life, and died on the home farm December 21, 1871. He was a son of Allen and Harriet McGahey, and grandson of David McGahey, who came to Crawford County from Tennessee in 1810. Mrs. McGahey was born two and a half mies northwest of Palestine, August 21, 1838, a daughter of Ethan and Margaret (Brinberry) Walters. A sketch of the Walters family will be found in connection with that of Mrs. Dorcas McGahey.

Charles Allen McGahey attended the district school of his neighborhood and learned farming thoroughly. He also had the advantage of one term in the Palestine school, but at the death of his father, he left school to help his mother upon the farm. On June 30, 1880, Mr. McGahey

was married by Rev. Mr. McHatton, of the Presbyterian Church, to Isabel Wesner, born March 26, 1855, a daughter of Enoch and Eliza R. (Allison) Wesner. Mrs. McGahey's parents were both born in Crawford County and they still reside in Montgomery Township. They had seven children, of whom Mrs. McGahey is the eldest, the others being: Mary Alice, who died in infancy; Samuel Douglas, William Franklin, Nancy Catherine, Charles Madison and Ira Otis.

Mr. and Mrs. McGahey have had children as follows: Claudie, born May 7, 1881, married R. N. Kent of Montgomery Township, and died March 23, 1905, leaving one child,—Claudie Gertrude, born February 14, 1904, who lives with Mr. McGahey; Cleo, born January 13, 1883; June, born June 15, 1888; David Eldon, born June 24, 1890; Esther Louisa, born April 25, 1893; Glenn, born October 3, 1895, and Lester E., born March 22, 1899—all living but the eldest.

In politics Mr. McGahey is a Democrat and fraternally belongs to the Modern Woodmen. His well cultivated farm consists of 185 acres, and he also owns valuable property in Palestine. The home residence is a comfortable one. The family is not only one of the oldest in the county, but also one of the most highly honored and Mr. McGahey has many friends in this part of the State.

McGAHEY, Mrs. Dorcas.—In looking over the records of any community, one thing is sure to strike the thoughtful person, and that is how little space is devoted to recounting the noble work of the women. Even in the biographies of the men whose names are intimately associated with the development and advancement of that particular section, no space is given to their wives; and yet how little any of them could have accomplished without the sustaining aid of wife and mother. Crawford County, Ill., has a history that is a result of the efforts of its brave men and women who, from the first settlement until the present, have ever labored to advance this locality to a foremost position, and the part which its women have played is not by any means a small one. Among the energetic and resolute women connected with its earlier days, is Mrs. Dorcas McGahey, widow of James Allen McGahey, who was born two and a half miles northwest of Palestine, August 21, 1838, a daughter of Ethan and Margaret (Brinberry) Walters.

Ethan Walters was a son of Isaac and Dorcas Walters, the latter being born in Crawford County. Her father, Joseph Brinberry, owned the east half of Palestine where Fort La Motte stood, and also owned a farm in what is now called Rich Woods; was a builder of flat-boats and made many trips on the Wabash, Ohio and Mississippi Rivers to New Orleans, but from the last trip he made never returned. The grandfather of Mrs. McGahey was Isaac Walters, who came from one of the Eastern States in 1812 to Crawford County, where he engaged in farming and stock-raising and there died in 1859. Nine children were born to Ethan and Margaret Walters, of whom Mrs. McGahey was the eldest, and she and a sister, Mrs. Ellen Marberry of Robinson, and another sister, Mrs. Amanda Lewis, a widow of Sullivan, Ind., are the only survivors.

The girlhood of Mrs. Dorcas McGahey was spent upon the farm and she attended the Palestine public schools. On March 22, 1855, she was married by the Rev. Mr. Lilly, a Presbyterian minister, to James Allen McGahey, son of Allen and Harriet McGahey. Mr. McGahey was born in Palestine, Ill., March 15, 1830, and died December 21, 1871, on the old home place, his life having been spent in farming. David McGahey, the grandfather of James A. McGahey, came to Crawford County from Tennessee in 1810, and became a prominent citizen of Southern Illinois, filling a number of important offices, including that of Representative in the Third and Fourth General Assemblies and Senator in the Ninth. Others of the family also served in the Legislature. He and George Bathe took up 640 acres of Government land on Section 9, La Motte Township, which was divided by them, Mr. McGahey taking the south half, and on this place the McGahey family burial ground was established, which has been in use for nearly 100 years, and with one or two exceptions, no one outside of the family has ever been buried there. The log portion of the barn now standing on Mrs. McGahey's farm, was a part of the old mill which was owned and operated by George Bathe in the very early days. When in operation, it stood on Section 9, La Motte Township, but in 1859 was moved to Section 4, La Motte Township, by James McGahey, and since that time to the present has been used as a barn.

Mr. and Mrs. McGahey had the following children: Charles Allen, born January 10, 1857, married Isabel Wesner, daughter of Enoch and Eliza Wesner of Montgomery Township, and they have had five daughters and two sons, the eldest daughter, Claudie, being deceased; Frederick Edgar, born October 30, 1859; Lucy Ellen, born October 4, 1861; Margaret Angeline, born August 28, 1864, and died July 30, 1869, less than five years old; and James Osman, born April 27, 1872. James Osman married Faytie Alexander, daughter of James and Adeline Alexander, of Palestine, and they had three daughters; Bertha, born November 8, 1894; Adeline, born July 7, 1896, and an infant daughter, born February 21, 1898, who died a week later. After the death of his first wife he married Frances I. Brown, daughter of William and Ruth Brown, and they have two children: Beatrice, born January 29, 1902, and James William, born June 27, 1907.

After the death of her husband, Mrs. McGahey took charge of the farm and managed her affairs very successfully and ably. She has brought up her children to be honorable, God-fearing men and women, and the debt they owe their aged mother can never be discharged. As a mother, a wife and neighbor, Mrs. McGahey has carried out in her life the faith of her church, and there are many who render her love and respect, not alone in her immediate family but throughout the community where she is so well and favor-

ably known. Mrs. McGahey has been a member of the Methodist Church since she was seventeen years old, her husband being a member of the same denomination, both attending the Swearingen Chapel.

McGOVERN, Philip.—The debt which the nation owes the veterans of the Civil War can never be repaid. It is one of those obligations that must continue as long as any of the descendants of the heroes of 1861-65 live and the flag which they fought for with such bravery floats over the heads of Americans. Without the services of the men who did not hesitate to risk life and limb in defense of the Union, there would be no country, no flag, no honorable prestige. The people of the country do not forget this debt, but take every opportunity of demonstrating their appreciation of it and give all honor to the survivors of the boys in blue. Philip McGovern, of Robinson Township, Crawford County, enlisted in the spring of 1862, although then a mere lad, in Martin County, Ind., in the Thirteenth Indiana Battery, Light Artillery, Capt. Nicklaw commanding. He was in many dangerous positions during his service against bands of bushwhackers, who were very numerous and troublesome in Kentucky. Two of the regiment's guns were captured at Mumford, Ky. (Green River Bridge). They had been sent on ahead to Castillian Springs, Tenn., where Morgan captured them after a fiercely contested fight. Mr. McGovern was with the two guns not captured at Castillian Springs, and from there he was sent to Gallatin, Tenn., to guard the hospital, and while there was engaged in building a yard fort of logs, being detained there eighteen months. He was then sent to Chattanooga, where he was kept until the close of the war, and then sent back to Indianapolis and mustered out, July 11, 1865. He was in the hospital at Bowling Green, Ky., for some time. He was a brave and gallant soldier and is now as good a citizen as he was a soldier.

Philip McGovern was born in Martin County, Ind., February 3, 1847, and was educated in the subscription schools of his vicinity, which when only fifteen years old, he left to enlist. After he was mustered out, still a boy in years, he returned to Martin County, Ind., but soon thereafter left that State for Illinois, and on August 11, 1866, located in Crawford County. On December 26, 1866, he was married to Louisa Morris, daughter of Richard and Hannah (Johnson) Morris, natives of Louisa County, Va., and of Indiana. Mr. Morris died in Crawford County, six miles north of Robinson, in 1856, when Mrs. McGovern was six years old. He was a very prominent man, having served Crawford County as County Judge, as member of the State Legislature for several terms, as Sheriff, and also filled a number of other important offices. Mrs. Morris died December 25, 1875. Mr. and Mrs. Morris had two children: Louisa and Emily, the latter of whom married Elias Broadstone, a farmer of Crawford County, who was born April 23, 1853.

Mr. and Mrs. McGovern have had children as follows: Dr. J. H. McGovern, born September 25, 1868, is married, lives at Annapolis, Prairie Township, Crawford County, and has a son and daughter; Emily I., born September 23, 1870, married T. M. White, and had one child still living, herself dying June 18, 1907; Luella M., born September 22, 1872, married Arthur A. Hale, a traveling man, and they have three sons and one daughter, live in Portland, Ore.; Innis, born January 13, 1876; married H. M. Wiman, a farmer of Robinson Township, and have a daughter; Oris A., born March 1, 1883, married May Norton, daughter of Charles and Hannah Norton, farmers of Crawford County, and they have two boys. In politics, Mr. McGovern is an Independent, and belongs to the United Brethren Church, of which he is trustee, steward and has held all the offices within the gift of the denomination. He has never aspired to public office, being too much occupied with his own affairs. He owns 250 acres of fine farming land, all but 40 acres being under cultivation, and has eight producing oil-wells on his property. His home is an excellent one and his barn commodious. The premises are well kept, and he has good stock and the latest improved machinery to assist in his farming, for he is thoroughly up-to-date in his farm work.

McKAMY, Charles Sumner.—The future of Robinson, Crawford County, Ill., is in the hands of progressive, enterprising men whose force of character and determination to overcome all obstacles have already advanced them far to the front. Among those deserving of special mention is Charles Sumner McKamy, born at Flat Rock, Crawford County, Ill., August 2, 1878, a son of William and Mary Ann (Maxwell) McKamy. William McKamy came from Marysville, Tenn., in 1860, and was a son of William McKamy. In addition to his farming, William McKamy owned and operated a saw-mill, and at the outbreak of the Civil War was a prosperous and responsible man, but this did not deter him from enlisting in Company E, Ninety-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He was wounded at the battle of Chickamauga, and after participating in a number of other battles, during three years of service, he was mustered out at Springfield.

After attending the common schools of his vicinity, Charles S. McKamy had the further advantage of a course at the Robinson High School, then a year at the Danville (Ind.) State Normal School, and one year at the Normal School at Valparaiso, Ind. Having concluded his course at the latter school he became private stenographer to Judge W. C. Jones of Robinson, and served him faithfully and capably until 1898, when Judge Jones was appointed by Governor Tanner Judge of the Court of Claims, and Mr. McKamy accompanied Judge Jones to Springfield, receiving there the appointment of official stenographer. After filling this position for three years, he returned to Robinson and embarked on his own account in the abstracting, loan and insurance business, at the same time being elected Justice of

the Peace in April, 1901, and re-elected to the same office in April, 1905. During this time, he filled this important office to the satisfaction of his constituents. For three years he served as Assistant Postmaster under S. T. Lindsey, and then for a little more than one year was engaged in the abstract, loan and insurance business in partnership with X. F. Siler, under the firm name of Siler & McKamy, after which he was again appointed Assistant Postmaster, under Edward S. Baker, in March, 1907, and has acted in that capacity to the present time. In politics, Mr. McKamy is a Republican and is very enthusiastic in party work.

By reason of his father's services during the war, he is a member of the Sons of Veterans, and has been a member of Company D, State Militia of Robinson. Fraternally, he is a member of the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Tribe of Ben Hur, Modern Woodmen and the Redmen, and has served as clerk of the Modern Woodmen for two years. For a number of years he has been a member of the Presbyterian Church.

On March 30, 1901, Mr. McKamy was married at Marion, Ill., to Miss Maud Estella Berry, of Crawford County, and they have one child, Frances Estella, born August 10, 1905. Although but thirty years of age, Mr. McKamy has filled several positions which have required tact and a wide knowledge of men and affairs, and his success is largely due to his keen, shrewd adaptability and his genial, accommodating manner.

MEFFORD, Leonidas D., who is widely and favorably known as an industrious and prosperous farmer and noted stockraiser, is the proprietor of the Mefford Stables, which are known from one end of the country to the other. Mr. Mefford was born in Scott County, Ky., September 27, 1832, a son of David F. and Patsy (Samuels) Mefford. David F. Mefford was born in 1800, in Fayette County, Ky., a son of David and Lottie (Taylor) Mefford. The father of Mrs. David Mefford was a cousin of Zachary Taylor, a former President of the United States. David Mefford came from Germany to Virginia, where he met and married Miss Taylor. David F. Mefford's wife was born in Virginia, November 4, 1800, and her mother, whose maiden name was Gabrella Harrison, was a daughter of John Harrison of Virginia, so it can be readily seen that Mr. Mefford comes from distinguished ancestry on both sides of the family. His maternal grandfather, John Samuels, was a Virginian by birth who moved to Bryan Station, Ky., in 1808, and later to Scott County, that State, where his death occurred at the age of ninety-two years.

Combining attendance at the subscription schools with hard work on the farm, Leonidas D. Mefford gradually developed into one of the sturdy, hard-working farmers of Scott County, Ky., where he remained until 1890, when he came to Robinson, Crawford County, Ill., purchasing 190 acres adjoining Robinson on the north side and within the corporate limits. For thirty years he raised the finest of livestock, shipping car lots to Cincinnati, Baltimore and Buffalo, and he also became noted as the owner and breeder of trotting stock, a large number of his horses becoming celebrated and establishing records. Among them may be mentioned Greenleaf, by Simmons, by George Wilkes, dam, Nellie Monroe. While the family homestead is comfortable, extensive plans are being made to build a commodious, modern home on the present site, which will be equipped with all the conveniences and improvements that add so much to the comfort of country as well as city dwellers. Mr. Mefford is a member of Robinson Chapter, A. F. & A. M., and Gorin Commandery of Olney, and has long been a member of the Crawford Lodge of Odd Fellows. In politics, he is a Republican.

On November 27, 1851, Mr. Mefford married Patsy Jane Griffith, born in 1834, daughter of Thomas Griffith, a farmer of Scott County, Ky., and his wife Nancy L. (Rollins) Griffith, both pioneers of Kentucky. Of this marriage four children were born, two of whom are now living: Dr. W. T. Mefford, a practicing physician of Chicago, and David Alonzo, who is a druggist of Robinson. Mrs. Mefford died March 25, 1900. On July 1, 1901, Mr. Mefford married Miss Mary Jane Firebaugh, daughter of David and Mary Firebaugh, the latter born in Bellefontaine, Ohio, May 4, 1855. Her father died at the present home of the Meffords, in 1887, at the age of seventy-six years, while his widow also passed away there, March 10, 1901. The maiden name of Mrs. Mefford's mother was Mary Ludwig, and she and her husband came from Bellefontaine, Ohio, to Crawford County, Ill., in 1855, when Mr. Firebaugh purchased a farm in Robinson Township, on which was located a saw-mill, which he operated in conjunction with his farming until 1882, and then moved to Robinson and purchased the property where Mr. and Mrs. Mefford now reside. Here he and his wife resided until their deaths. Mrs. Mefford was one of the following list of children: Samuel L., now living on the old Firebaugh homestead, aged seventy; William H., lives in Austin, Texas; David, deceased; Henry C., also deceased, was a lawyer in San Francisco; Isaac, died in infancy; Dr. I. L., of Robinson; Charles W., lives in New York City; Joseph, a banker of San Francisco; Mary Jane (Mrs. Mefford), and Chester, who is practicing law in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Mefford have one child—Joseph Isaac, born April 8, 1902, a bright, happy, little boy and the apple of his father's eyes.

Mr. Mefford has the satisfaction of looking back upon a well-spent life, having established a reputation as an honest man, a kind and generous neighbor and a devoted husband and father, presenting an example for ambitious young farmers to emulate.

MESERVE, Stephen D., M. D. (deceased), who for many years was one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Robinson, Ill., was born in New Hampshire, August 9, 1818. He spent four years in Fryeburg Academy, and then began reading medicine under Dr. Barrows of that place. After

spending a year there he came to Ohio and continuing his studies, eventually entered into active practice. Five years later he attended Miami College, from which he was graduated in 1855, and later he took the addendum degree in the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati. In 1848, he had come to Clark County, Ill., and in 1850 located in Hutsonville. In 1856 he established himself in Robinson, where he built up a large and very gratifying practice. Dr. Meserve was married October 23, 1850, to Martha Barlow, daughter of E. Barlow, who bore him four children who grew to maturity: Ashbel G., Mattie H., Maud and Blanche.

MEYER, John B. (deceased), for a number of years a tailor of Robinson, Ill., was born in Bavaria, Germany, May 9, 1824, and came to America in 1849, settling in Philadelphia, where he followed his trade of a tailor. From there he went to Madison, Ind., and thence to Edinburg. In 1853 he established himself in Robinson, and began working at his trade. In 1862 he disposed of his business and enlisted in the Ninety-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry for three years, and was attached to the Army of the Cumberland. Among other battles in which he participated may be mentioned, Hoover's Gap, Kingston, Atlanta, Chancellorsville, Selma, etc. Mr. Meyer was discharged July 3, 1865. The year following he went to Germany on a visit, but returning to Robinson, re-established himself in his trade and built up a large and flourishing business.

MIDGETT, Joseph Elmer, M. D.—The medical profession is becoming more and more exacting, and the physician of to-day not only is obliged to be a college-bred man, but he also has to keep abreast of the times and thoroughly understand the great strides that are constantly being made in medical science. Crawford County is the home of some of our most skillful physicians and surgeons, and of this class is Dr. Joseph Elmer Midgett, of Flat Rock, Ill. Dr. Midgett was born east of Flat Rock, September 17, 1875, a son of John Addison and Elizabeth (Due) Midgett. The father was born southeast of Flat Rock, a son of Joseph A. Midgett, who was a private in the Civil War and served from the beginning to the close of the war. He was a farmer, as was his son John.

Dr. Midgett first attended school at the La Motte School, near Duncanville, then for two years he was in Danville, Ill., and finishing there, began teaching to earn money to enter upon his medical studies. For seven years he taught in a country school, and then entered the Illinois Medical College at Chicago, studying during the summer and continuing his teaching in the winter. In 1903 he was graduated and entered upon active practice in Flat Rock, in December, 1903. Here he purchased five acres of land on which was a residence, barn and store building, but he has disposed of half of his property at a good figure and now occupies an office in his own building. In addition, he has various interests in Bokoshe, Indian Territory (now Okla.), owns 40 acres in Arkansas, and has an interest in 160 acres of oil property containing seven producing wells, with prospects of others. He also owns five shares in the Illinois State Zoo and Amusement Company of Springfield, Ill. Since locating in Flat Rock, Dr. Midgett has firmly established himself in the confidence of the community and enjoys a large and constantly increasing practice. He is a man of ready sympathy, wide experience and cheerful manner, and his patients feel the excellent effect of his presence as soon as he arrives. Dr. Midgett belongs to the Æsculapian Medical Society, the Crawford County Medical Society, the State Medical Association and the American Medical Association. For fourteen years, Dr. Midgett has been a member of the Methodist Church, of which he is Trustee. He was Superintendent of the Sunday School for two years, and is now teaching a class of young men, and is making his influence felt among them.

On December 31, 1899, Dr. Midgett was married to Amy Miller Kent at the Wesley Chapel, Methodist Church, northeast of Flat Rock, by the Rev. L. W. Porter. Mrs. Midgett is a daughter of the late Joseph and Elizabeth Kent. Mr. Kent was a farmer who died of what was supposed to be rupture, when he was still a young man. Mrs. Kent died about ten years ago. Dr. and Mrs. Midgett have two children: John Kent, born July 27, 1902, and Katy Elizabeth, born September 12, 1904.

MIDKIFF, Samuel (deceased), for a number of years a member of the firm of Midkiff & Carey, lumber dealers of Robinson, Ill., was born in Granger County, Tenn., April 8, 1824, and when about six years old, was brought to Shelby County, Ind. Mr. Midkeff married February 14, 1848, Mary J. Keck. The following year he located in Wisconsin, but four years later came to Illinois and bought 300 acres within two miles of Robinson. This property he cultivated and improved, operating it as a stock and grain farm until December 6, 1882, when he bought a partnership interest in a lumber business at Robinson. Before his marriage Mr. Midkiff served in the Mexican War as a member of Company H, Third Indiana Volunteer Infantry, in Gen. Taylor's army, participating in the battle of Buena Vista and returning after one year's service. Mr. Midkiff had these children: Henriette P., Alpheus J., William H., Daniel K., Benjamin F., Lucinda J. and Samuel P., all of whom married. Fraternally, Mr. Midkiff was a Mason.

MILLER, Emanuel (deceased).—The account of the simple, kindly life of Emanuel Miller strongly demonstrates the power exerted by a good man, imbued by the sense of duty and perfect faith in the creed he has adopted. The late Emanuel Miller was a farmer by occupation, and of necessity never entered public life, but by his own good deeds and example, he left his impress upon his neighborhood, and not only

his devoted wife, the nephew and niece whom he reared as his own and his other relatives, but the community at large, mourn his loss.

Mr. Miller was born in Stark County, Ohio, July 15, 1852, and died March 9, 1904. In early life he came with his father to Crawford County, Ill., becoming one of the prosperous farmers of Martin Township. On December 5, 1874, he married Elinor Connett, of which there was no issue. Their home, however, was gladdened by the orphan nephew and niece whom they adopted, and who grew up to be a comfort and solace to their foster parents. They are now married and have families of their own.

Mr. Miller's religious experience was very profound, he having been converted about 1891, and from that time on was able to bear up under affliction, sustained as he was by his faith in the wisdom of his Maker. In December, 1903, at a cottage meeting in his own home, he gained such strength and help from the service, that he was able to pass through all the trying phases of his last illness without once fearing for the future, or being shaken in his belief.

Mrs. Miller is a daughter of Hethcoate J. Connett, born May 17, 1817, who married on June 24, 1838, Annie Jane Clark. The latter was born May 17, 1820. They had children as follows: Jo Connett, born June 11, 1839; Amos, Connett, born July 4, 1841; Isaac Connett, born August 3, 1843, deceased; Temperance Connett, born September 26, 1845; Rachel Connett, born October 1, 1848; Ruth Connett, born November 6, 1850; Julia Ann Connett, born November 20, 1852; Woodrough Connett, born March 8, 1855; Elinor Connett, born March 28, 1858; and Finly J. Connett, born June 14, 1862.

MILLER, Israel (deceased).—Descended from a race of farmers, Israel Miller exemplified that self-reliant spirit of the early pioneer that never hesitated to attempt what needed to be done. Mr. Miller was born in Stark County, Ohio, July 4, 1846, a son of David Miller, also a native of Ohio. Here Mr. Miller was reared and educated, and on March 7, 1867, married Lydia Ann Ickes, who was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, January 27, 1850, and was reared and educated in her native State. Her father, William Ickes, was a native of Pennsylvania, but was taken to Ohio when about ten years of age. By trade he was a mason but followed farming the greater part of his life. Mrs. Miller was of a family of twelve children, three of whom are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Miller had these children: Malissa, Lucinda, Grace, Cora, Crone, two infants who died unnamed, Fred and D. W., the first three born in Ohio and the remainder in Illinois. They were all well educated, and the boys all became farmers, except one who is a carpenter.

In 1864 Mr. Miller enlisted in Company E, One Hundred and Seventy-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war, although becoming dangerously ill on account of exposure while in the service. After returning home he began working in the coal mines in Stark County, Ohio, after his honorable discharge. In 1875 he moved with his family to Robinson Township, Crawford County, where he bought thirteen acres of land which he cultivated. About a year after his marriage he had bought 120 acres in Oblong Township and, at the time of his death on June 26, 1905, was the owner of 140 acres, which he had improved and which had been his home up to that period. Mr. Miller had been a life-long Republican, and served very acceptably as School Director for years. Prior to his death he had leased his land to the oil company, but died before oil was located, which it was in 1906, and there are now eight wells in operation on it. Mr. Miller was a member of the G. A. R. and was a man widely known and much respected. During his life he was a hard worker and a kindly, intelligent man, beloved in his family and neighboorhood.

MILLS, William Morton.—As a rule the man who grows up in a community naturally feels more interest in it than another who has come to it later in life. Especially is this true of those who inherit property that is handed down to them by fathers who have wrested it from the wilderness. William Morton Mills, of Section 2, Prairie Township, was born on the property on which he now lives, January 15, 1862, a son of Elihu Mills.

Elihu Mills was born November 15, 1823, in Wayne County, Ind., and early in life was compelled to go out and earn his own way in the world, his father having died when he was but three months old. He earned his first hat by picking brush at 12½ cents per day, and did not have shoes until when ten years old, and often was accustomed to relate how, with his feet bundled up in rags, he would chop wood until his feet grew numb with the cold and he was compelled to go inside the house to warm them. When about twelve years of age he came from Indiana to Vermilion County, Ill., and there worked for his brother Seth, until he was old enough to hire out, receiving $12 per month for his labor. For a few years he worked as a farm hand and then came to Prairie Township, Crawford County, settling on the present farm of William Morton Mills. He entered 160 acres of land, about one-half of which was timber, and built a log house of one room, 18 x 20 feet. At the time of the death of his mother at this place, Mr. Mills was sick, and after his recovery he returned to Wayne County, Ind., and worked at the carpenter's trade for about six years, when he again came to Illinois, settling in Clark County at the home of his widowed sister, Charity Canada, whose farm he operated for four years. At this time his sister went to Parke County, Ind., and Mr. Mills came to Prairie Township again, renting his farm to a family with whom he lived. He was drafted into the army in 1864, but being a member of the Friends, or Quaker denomination, he did not believe in war, and as a subsequence hired a substitute to take his place. After his marriage he returned to his first farm, and there continued to live for the remainder of his life. Mr. Mills was a hardy,

industrious man, and during the winter months often drove six miles to some timberland that he owned, split rails and hauled them to his farm. He cleared his property, on which he dug six wells, and made many improvements. His six children were all born on this farm and all attended the district school of the vicinity, his eldest daughter also having the advantage of a select school education in Clark County. His children were: Thomas Elwood, born October 25, 1862; Mary Catherine, born February 20, 1864; William Morton; Edward Everett, born December 1, 1866, died November 23, 1884; an infant son, born March 6, 1873, died March 7, 1873; and Sarah Frances, born December 22, 1874.

William Morton Mills attended school in Prairie Township, attending the Muddy Creek School regularly summers and winters until fourteen years old, and from that time until he was twenty-one years of age in the winters only. When not at school he helped in work on the farm, and on completing his education began farming in conjunction with his father. After his father's death, he took full charge of the home place, which he has since continued to conduct and has made many improvements on it, among which was the clearing up of twenty acres of timberland. He is known throughout the township as a skilled agriculturist and a man of honor and integrity. Since sixteen years of age he has been a member of the Friends Church, taking a neutral stand in local politics, but in national matters is a stanch Republican.

Mr. Mills was married April 16, 1895, to Lucetta Catherine Spraker, the daughter of Sylvester and Frances (Bell) Spraker, whose grandfather came to Illinois as a pioneer and purchased a large tract of land, which he divided among his children. Mr. and Mrs. Mills have become the parents of two children: Emeline, born January 27, 1894; and Allen Francis, born April 26, 1895, but died August 28, 1908.

MONTGOMERY, Samuel C., for many years associated with the agricultural interests of Montgomery Township, Crawford County, and a member of the pioneer family of that name, was born in Crawford County, March 25, 1849, a grandson of the pioneers, Andrew and Elizabeth (Colwell) Montgomery, who had a large family. Among these was Andrew, who married twice, his first wife being Sarah Carter who bore him five children. His second wife was Martha J. Highsmith, and she bore him eight children, of whom Samuel C. was one. The father died September 27, 1880, and the mother passed away December 9, 1872. The history of the Montgomery family is very interesting, members of the family having been in the various conflicts of this country, and they are still to be found ever conserving the best interests of their communities wherever they may be.

MONTGOMERY, Wiley (deceased), who for many years was prominently identified with the best farming interests of Montgomery Township, Crawford County, was born in the Township named after his family, which has been connected with the history of Crawford County since a very early day. Members of this family are to be found throughout this section of the State. Mr. Montgomery was married in that Township to Hazael Lindsay, who bore his ten children: Abner, Hazael L., William E., John, Dewitt C., Lafayette E., Sarah R., Amos, Charley, and Effie. Mr. Montgomery was a Mason, belonging to Lodge No. 447, Birds Station. He became the owner of 320 acres of land, and farmed upon an extensive scale.

MOORE, John Elmer.—A great deal has been said and written relative to the great work accomplished by the pioneers of all communities, and so very often what is being accomplished by the farmers of to-day is overlooked. It is not a small item in the history of agricultural life, for each season brings out something new, some advanced method of doing work that simplifies the task and produces greater results by the expenditure of much less labor. The farmer of to-day is not content with merely earning a living, but he expects his land to yield him a good profit just as any business man looks for results from any other investment. For this and other reasons, men of intelligence and much executive ability are confining themselves to farming, and they appear satisfied with what they are accomplishing, as they have every reason to be.

John Elmer Moore, one of the progressive farmers of La Motte Township, Crawford County, Ill,, is one of the leading men of his community, born in the village of Hutsonville, April 13, 1869, a son of John Alexander Moore, a pioneer of Crawford County, Ill., who died March 1, 1896, on his homestead, about a mile southeast of his son's residence. He was a soldier in the Civil War, and served for four years with distinguished honor. His first wife was Emma Houtz, who died about 1871, leaving two children: Lena Ota, born August 14, 1867, and John Elmer, born April 13, 1869. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Moore married Amanda Newbold, and they had four children: Levi, born February 8, 1873; Eldo, born October 12, 1875; Elma, born October 12, 1877, and Alma, born November 6, 1880.

John Elmer was educated in the Cauliflower and Moore Schools, attending in the winter time until he was eighteen years old, and assisting his father during the summer months. On March 10, 1897, he married Sarah Edith Jordan, daughter of William F. and Chloe (Stoner) Jordon, the ceremony being performed by the Rev M. V. Hathaway of the Christian Church. Mrs. Jordon was a daughter of Daniel Stoner. Mr. Jordon died February 14, 1892, but his widow survives and lives on the old home farm in La Motte Township. Mr. and Mrs. Jordon had children as follows: Sarah Edith, born October 29, 1867; Ira R., born December 9, 1869; William Lee, bosn October 27, 1871; Daniel Henry, born April 7, 1874, Mary Esther, born September 22, 1878; Nellie Maude, born May 6, 1881; Samuel P., born

August 17, 1883; Leslie Emerson, born December 7, 1885, died October 8, 1886; Gladys Edna, born March 13, 1889. All these children are married.

Mr, and Mrs. Moore have had two children: Orpha Jordon, born December 24, 1897, and John Byron, born May 26, 1903. In politics Mr. Moore is a Republican, but has never aspired to public office. He is a member of the Christian Church, which he joined eighteen years ago. His wife having been a member of the same church for twenty-seven years. In 1897 Mr. Moore bought his present farm of 150 acres, nearly all of which is under cultivation. The family home is a pleasant one, and the Moores are among the leading citizens of their locality.

MOUSER, William.—The discovery of oil in Crawford County has revolutionized realty values, and the men fortunate enough to own oil-producing property are accounted among the fortunate ones of earth. William Mouser, farmer, stock-raiser and oil-producer of Section 19, Oblong Township, Crawford County, owns 240 acres of as fine property as can be found in the county, and is one of the prosperous men of his community. Mr. Mouser was born in Licking County, Ohio, July 15, 1841, a son of Samuel Mouser, now deceased, who was one of the pioneer farmers of Oblong Township. He was born in Virginia, October 25, 1815, but reared in Ohio, where he learned the trade of mill-stone making, which he there followed in connection with his farming operations. He was married in Ohio to Elizabeth Maiden, who was born in Virginia, September 25, 1816, but reared in Ohio. Of their five children, William was the eldest; Thomas B., resides in Tennessee; Salina, is the widow of Nehemiah Bottenfield; Henry, resides in Oblong Township, Crawford County; and Eliza is the widow of David Reed.

William Mouser came with his father to Crawford County in 1842, and can well remember having seen large herds of deer and shooting many turkeys. He also remembers that in the early days most of the trading was done at Palestine and Hutsonville, and can well remember when the present town of Robinson was nothing but a wild rolling prairie. His father Samuel Mouser entered land in Licking Township, Crawford County, which he improved into a farm and then sold to a Mr. Coulter, later purchasing the home in Oblong Township where his son William now lives, which he also improved, meanwhile carrying on general farming and stock-raising until his death. He was a lifelong Democrat, and in religious affiliations he was a member of the United Brethren Church. His death occurred May 20, 1873, at the age of fifty-seven years, and, although taken away in the prime of life, he had accomplished much and was well and favorably known. His wife died March 7, 1895.

William Mouser was educated in his district and assisted his father on the home place. On June 14, 1883, he married Melissa Tuel, a daughter of Martin and Katerine (Krise) Tuel, of German descent, but a native of Virginia, where she was reared and educated. Mr. Tuel was a carpenter by trade and died in Virginia, and after his death his wife and family came to Illinois, and located in Robinson, where Mrs. Mouser resided until her marriage. The mother married again, her second husband being Solomon Biggs, a farmer of Robinson Township, where Mrs. Biggs died, August 30, 1899.

After his marriage, Mr. Mouser bought out the other heirs and has made many improvements, his property of 240 acres being exceedingly valuable. In May, 1906, oil was located on his farm, and he now has ten wells drilled, from which he derives a good income. The land upon which his father settled in Licking Township was purchased from the Government, as was also a part of the Oblong Township land, and on the former he built a log house in which he resided until selling the place. For some time the family lived in a log house on the Oblong Township property, which they later weatherboarded, but eventually, about 1860, Mr. Mouser built a frame house. This, in turn, has been replaced by a more modern structure by the son, William Mouser.

Mr. and Mrs. Mouser have these children: Emma, who married Ernest Reedy, a farmer of Oklahoma; Nora and Cora, all born on the present farm. In politics, Mr. Mouser is a Democrat, although he has never sought public office.

MUCHMORE, John Benjamin.—Coming of old and honored stock, a son of a veteran of the Civil War, and himself an important factor in the business life of Oblong, Crawford County, where for twenty years he has been actively engaged in conducting a large drug and painters' supply house, John Benjamin Muchmore is justly admitted to be one of the representative men of the county. Mr. Muchmore was born at Oblong, October 31, 1868, a son of Theodore Napoleon and Eliza Matilda (Redman) Muchmore. The father was born near Rushville, Ind., March 11, 1844, while the mother was born in Knox County, Ohio, November 25, 1842. The grandfather Benjamin Park Muchmore was born at Plainville, Hamilton County, Ohio, February 29, 1812, while his wife, Ruth L., was born in the vicinity of Robinson, Ill., near a place called Onion Hill, June 22, 1818. On August 9, 1862, Theodore N. Muchmore enlisted in General Wilder's celebrated brigade and participated in many of the bloodiest battles of the war, including Chickamauga, Siege of Atlanta, Selma, Ringgold, Knoxville, Mission Ridge and Nashville, and was mustered out at the last named city, in 1865, at the close of the struggle, after a long and honorable term of service. He is widely known throughout his county, and is a member of Albert Wood Post, G. A. R.

John Benjamin Muchmore received a common school education, and twenty years ago he and his father founded their big supply house, occupying the double store building which the firm owns, in addition to other valuable realty, including their homes in Oblong. The elder Mr. Muchmore is a Republican, while his son is a Democrat, but the latter is too much occupied

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to take a very active part in politics, although from 1898 to 1902 he served as Justice of the Peace. Fraternally he is a member of Knights of Pythias and Modern Woodmen, and is very popular in both orders, as well as socially. In 1893 Mr. Muchmore married Miss Allie Hill, daughter of Barton Hill, a pioneer of Crawford County, but they have had no issue. Mr. Muchmore is one of the enterprising, progressive young business men of Oblong, and his business shows a gratifying and healthy increase with each year, the firm controlling a large trade, not only in Oblong, but throughout a wide-spread contiguous territory.

MURPHY, E. E. (deceased), formerly one of the leading merchants of Robinson, was born February 18, 1834, in Licking County, Ohio, but was taken in childhood to Michigan by his parents. In 1854 he came to Palestine, Ill., and for three years clerked and then embarked in a mercantile business of his own. In 1875 he removed to Robinson, and established his mercantile house here, which became so well known. He built his own store, and carried a large stock, aggregating $20,000.00 in annual sales. Mr. Murphy married Eliza Alexander of Palestine, June 11, 1857, and she bore him two children: Jeannette and Mary B. Mrs. Murphy died in 1867, and in February, 1872, married Sallie C. Swearingen, who died in October, 1875. He married in July, 1878, Frances Davis of Greenville, Ill.

MUSGRAVE, William (deceased), who was one of the distinguished pioneers of Crawford County, was born in Wayne County, N. C., February 8, 1816, a son of John and Charity (Cox) Musgrave, the father born in North Carolina in 1758 and died in April, 1824, while the mother, also a native of North Carolina was born in 1774, and died in June, 1824. The youngest son and sixth of his parents' seven children, William, was left an orphan at eight years old, and was brought to Union County, Ill., by his brothers Josiah and John. Another brother, Caleb, had come to Union County four years earlier and William made his home with him until 1833, when he came to Crawford County with his brother John, and the two worked together as carpenters. In 1834 occurred the marriage of William Musgrave and Eliza Ann Cox, who was a native of Greene County, N. C., born January 17, 1816. They became the parents of nine children, five of whom grew to maturity: Sally Ann, Anna M., Jonathan K., George A. and Herriet. After marriage Mr. Musgrave began farming upon what was his hometsead, which had been improved by John Snipes, and in time he became possessed of 500 acres of desirable farm land, but he later divided the greater portion of it among his children. Mr. and Mrs. Musgrave for years were consistent members of the Universalist Church.

NEELEY, James.—Farming is no longer carried on simply to obtain a living, but is as much a business as any other line of work. The farmer of to-day has to be enterprising, thrifty and progressive, or he discovers that others are crowding him into the background, and that is something none of the farmers of Illinois are willing to stand, so independent have they become since they have realized how important is their calling to the welfare of the nation. James Neeley of Section 19, Martin Township, Crawford County, is one of the successful farmers and stock-raisers of this locality. His father, Edward Neely, was born in Ohio, where he was educated and for some time was a farmer there. In 1853 he came with his family to Martin Township, he and his brother James driving a wagon. Edward Neeley entered from the Government, 160 acres of raw prairie and timber land, which he cleared and transformed into a good farm. Later he bought 40 acres adjoining that was already under cultivation. Still later he bought 80 acres more, 30 acres of which was cultivated. He cleared a portion of the remaining 50 acres, which was in brush and timber. He then bought 40 acres more of timber, which has since been cleared by his son, James Neeley. Edward Neeley died on his homestead after a long and useful life.

James Neeley secured his early education in Martin Township, but when only sixteen years old he ran away and joined the army, enlisting at Centralia, Ill., in Company D, Ninety-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Captain Wood commanding, in July, 1862. A short time afterwards Captain Wood was discharged on account of illness, and Captain Young had charge of the Company. Mr. Neeley served under Captain Young until the promotion of the latter to the rank of Colonel, when he was succeeded by Captain Brown. Mr. Neeley was honorably discharged at Louisville, Ky., and was sent with his regiment to Springfield, Ill., to be mustered out. Then at nineteen years of age returning home, he settled down to assist his father in clearing the land.

Mr. Neeley remained thus employed for three years, when he was married to Emily Enlow, daughter of David Enlow, a farmer of Martin Township. After his marriage he moved onto a farm of 120 acres in Section 19, which he cleared and fenced, afterwards adding thereto 40 acres, 20 acres of which was cultivated, the remainder being timber. Mr. and Mrs. Neeley have had one child, Arley, who married Flora Harris, daughter of Nicholas Harris, a farmer of the same township. Although not a member of any church, Mr. Neeley is very generous in his donations to religious organizations, and believes in their work. He is a Republican in his political relations.

NEWBOLD, D. F. (deceased), for many years associated with the agricultural interests of Oblong Township, Crawford County, was born in Scott County, Ky., October 25, 1825, and when five years old was taken by his parents to Rush County, Ind., where he was brought up on a farm, and given but a limited education. At the age of twenty-two he engaged in farming for himself in Rush County, but in 1857 moved to Oblong Township, and bought a farm, which

he operated until 1860, when he returned to Rush County. Once more he came to Oblong Township in 1863, and bought 80 acres in Section 25, to which he added 145, and this became his home place, which he devoted to grain and stock-growing. On January 1, 1847, he married in Rush County, Ind., Sarah Thomas, a native of Pennsylvania, by whom he had a son, James Thomas. Mrs. Newbold died in Rush County, Ind., July 1, 1850. On August 30, 1854, Mr. Newbold married in Rush County, Ind., Eliza Jane Kirkpatrick, and they had three children who grew to maturity: Sarah Florence, Theodore and Jesse R. The second Mrs. Newbold died in January, 1873, in Oblong Township. Mr. Newbold married, the same year, Mary Ann Smith, who bore him one daughter, Nellie, and she had a daughter by her first marriage, Albina E. Smith. Mr. Newbold was a Democrat and held numerous township offices, including those of Collector, Assessor and Supervisor.

NEWBOLD, William Andrew.—The commercial activity of Crawford County is nicely gauged by the prosperity of the leading business men of the various communities within its confines, and one which occupies a prominent position is the house conducted by William Andrew Newbold, whose mercantile establishment is one of the leading concerns of its kind for a wide area. Mr. Newbold was born on a farm in Crawford County, January 7, 1867, a son of Andrew and Amanda (Gaines) Newbold. Andrew Newbold came from Rush County, Ind., to Crawford County in the '50s, and he and his wife were among the pioneers of this locality. Attending school in his district, William A. Newbold secured a fair common school education, and worked upon a farm until 1903, when he purchased the stock of I. A. Shire & Son, from the trustee in bankruptcy, where he has since conducted a large and flourishing business and now commands a flourishing trade. His executive ability and good management have made him a leader in his line.

On September 25, 1899, Mr. Newbold was married in Oblong Township to Miss Alice M. Kirts, a daughter of Isaac and Mary Kirts, both from Marion County, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Newbold have had two children: Charlie, born July 16, 1890; Belvia, born April 10, 1902. They have a delightful home in one of the most desirable residence districts of Oblong. In politics Mr. Newbold is a Democrat and has served acceptably as Collector for two terms and Assessor for one term. Fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 850, which he joined in December, 1893. He is a Methodist, having joined that church seven years ago, of which his wife has been a member since childhood.

NEWLIN, Andrew (deceased), who for many years was a farmer and stockman of Hutsonville Township, was born in Crawford County, Ill., June 25, 1829, a son of William and Rachel (Hill) Newlin, and grandson of Thomas Newlin who came of Irish descent. Both parents were born in North Carolina, and the mother died in August, 1833, and the father about 1838. After a boyhood spent on the farm, with intermittent attendance at the subscription schools, Andrew Newlin, who was the youngest of his parents' six children, married April 8, 1830, daughter of Reuben A. and Barbara (Hockman) Holmes, the former of whom died in Crawford County, December, 1853, aged fifty-six years, while his wife died in Ohio in April, 1852. Mr. Holmes married a second time. Mr. and Mrs. Newlin had ten children: Albert, Amanda, Laura, Allen, Adaline, Stephen D., Lawrence, Ira, an unnamed infant and Clinton. Mr. Newlin eventually became the owner of 2,396 acres of land all in Hutsonville Township, except 60 acres in Clark County. This was very remarkable for he started his business career with but $150, which he inherited from his father, so that all he accumulated was earned through his energy, foresight and economy. Mr. Newlin was a stanch Democrat, and served very acceptably as Supervisor for three years, and also filled other offices, always striving to do his full duty as he understood it.

NEWLIN, Cyrus (deceased), who for many years was associated with the agricultural interests of Hutsonville Township, Crawford County, was born in that Township, June 3, 1825, a son of James and Elizabeth (Simons) Newlin, both born in Orange County, N. C., the former on December 4, 1781. James Newlin was a son of John Newlin, also a native of North Carolina. James Newlin came to Crawford County, Ill., in 1818, and entered 480 acres of land in Hutsonville Township, where his son Cyrus later lived, and there he died in 1852, his wife having died there in 1850. They became the parents of ten children, of whom eight lived to maturity and Cyrus Newlin was the youngest. His boyhood was spent on the farm, and he attended the subscription school. When he was twenty-one years old he married, but remained with his parents until 1850, when he made the trip to California. In a year he returned and bought 160 acres in Crawford County. In 1862 he visited Chicago and Northern Illinois, and in 1872 went to Colorado, as well as other states for his health. In time Mr. Newlin became an extensive stockman, buying, raising and trading in local markets. Eventually he owned 400 acres of land, and was a very substantial man. In March, 1846, he married in Crawford County, Eliza Ann Hill, a native of that county, born September 12, 1825, daughter of John A. and Sarah (Barbee) Hill, the father born in 1801 and the mother in 1801. The former died in 1834, his wife surviving until 1855. Mr. and Mrs. Newlin had three children.

NEWLIN, Judge Enoch Ellery, lawyer and jurist of Robinson, Ill. The highest type of character is displayed by the judicial mind, and he who can carefully weigh evidence and dispense justice evenly, especially among his neighbors and friends, must possess that clear insight into

the groundwork of human right which sooner or later appeals strongly to the people, and to maintain a judicial office for many years is the best evidence of worth and integrity a man can give his fellow men. Judge Newlin was born in Crawford County, Ill., February 22, 1858, a son of Thomas and Mary Elizabeth (Ruckel) Newlin, most highly esteemed residents of this section of the State.

Eli Newlin, the grandfather of Judge Newlin, came from North Carolina to Crawford County, Ill., about 1814 or 1815 and settled on government land in Hutsonville Township and continued to reside in that vicinity until his death. He was the father of eight children, namely: Mahala, the wife of Alfred Correll; Jonathan; Sarah, who married William Patten; Enoch; Mary, who married William Sutherland; Thomas, Frederick, and Kelley, all deceased, and all of whom reared families. Thomas Newlin was born in Crawford County in 1821, and in April, 1861, enlisted in Company I, Seventy-Ninth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He was sent to the hospital at Murfeesboro, Tenn., where he died of disease in April, 1862. His brother Kelley, and his nephews, Cyrus Patten and Luther Newlin, enlisted in the same regiment, and all died in the army. Previous to his enlistment he had been engaged in farming in Licking Township, Crawford County, where his widow, left with six children, the oldest of whom was twelve years of age, struggled along on a small pension, and although the family was in very straitened circumstances, managed to keep her family together and give her children a good education.

After completing a common school education, Judge Newlin began teaching a winter school when only sixteen years of age, and thus continued for eight consecutive terms, when in 1879 he took a course in the Indiana State Normal School at Terre Haute. A year later he began taking a course in the law office of Callahan & Jones at Robinson, and in 1882 was admittted to the bar in Springfield, Ill. Without money, property or clients, and with little to depend upon except his ambition to win success in his profession, he opened an office in Robinson, and two years later (in 1884) was elected State's Attorney for Crawford County and reelected in 1888, but declined the nomination for 1892. In 1888 he entered into partnership with Judge J. C. Olwin, under the firm name of Olwin & Newlin, which lasted until the death of Judge Olwin in 1890. The following year another partnership was formed with Judge W. C. Jones, under style of Jones & Newlin, and this was continued until the election of Judge Newlin to the Circuit Court for the Second Judicial District, in June, 1897. This district comprised twelve counties in the southeastern part of the State, of which Crawford is the most northerly. In 1903 he was elected to this office for the second term, which was a vindication of his record on the bench. Politically a Democrat, Judge Newlin has been prominent in the councils of his party, serving for eight years as Chairman of the County Central Committee, but upon his election to the Circuit Court, he retired from that office, believing that his duties in his new office would require all his attention.

Judge Newlin was married January 1, 1885, to Miss Clara A. Coulter, a niece of the late Judge Jacob Wilkin, of the Supreme Court of Illinois, and of this marriage three children have been born: Mary Fay, born November 17, 1885; Frank Enoch, born July 13, 1887, and Marian Ora, born May 5, 1897, all at home. In 1887 Judge Newlin joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, and for the past twenty years has served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of his local church organization. He has been a member for many years of the Masonic fraternity. In his knowledge of the law Judge Newlin covers a wide range, and his ability both as a judge and attorney is undisputed. His ideals of the legal profession have always been high and he has lived up to them; and for many years he has been a leader in all movements for the improvement and advancement of legal procedure in the State and county.

NEWLIN, Leroy, M. D.—The thoroughly trained physician and surgeon of to-day is a man widely versed in many lines, able to take charge of a difficult case at a moment's notice, and with steady hand and clear head deal with the issues of life and death. Years of study and hard training go before the man of medicine is ready to begin his practice, and even then he cannot afford to relax his efforts but must keep on studying in order that he may keep abreast of the later discoveries and profit by his own observations. Dr. Leroy Newlin, who is one of the leading representatives of his profession in Robinson, Crawford County, Ill., was born in Crawford County, March 8, 1860, a son of Thomas and Mary Newlin, natives of Crawford County and Columbus, Ohio, respectively, the mother having been brought from Ohio to Crawford County when she was twelve years of age. Dr. Newlin worked hard to secure his education, first attending the district school and working on the farm; then saving a little money, went to the State Normal School at Terre Haute, Ind., and thus, studying and teaching at the same time, spent about ten years of his life before he was able to take up the study of medicine. About that time he began to read medicine with Dr. C. Barlow of Robinson, and in 1887 entered the Kentucky School of Medicine at Louisville, from which he was graduated in the class of 1891. He first began the practice of medicine in the village of Hardinville, where he continued for sixteen years, gaining a valuable experience. He was well known throughout all that territory not only as a skillful and conscientious physician and surgeon, but feeling that he needed a wider field of operation, in 1907 located in Robinson, where his brothers, Judge E. E. Newlin and Thomas J. Newlin, attorneys-at-law, were pleasantly situated. Since coming to Robinson he has made himself felt, not only in professional circles but also in political circles, although not as an office seeker and never having accepted

any public position except that of Pension Commissioner. He belongs to the Crawford County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Association and the American Medical Association, as well as the Æsculapian and Medical Society of the Wabash Valley. Fraternally he is a Mason and Modern Woodman.

Dr. Newlin was married on March 26, 1893, to Miss Louie O. Vance, born in Crawford County, a daughter of Mahlon and Margaret Vance. Mrs. Newlin attended the public school, graduating at the Central Normal School at Danville, Ind. She taught school for a number of years and is a highly cultured lady. In religious affiliations both are members of the Christian Church, Dr. Newlin having been a member for twenty years, and his wife for five years. They have children as follows: Mary, born September 8, 1895; Harold, born October 15, 1896, and John E., born March 10, 1898. Dr. Newlin occupies a beautiful home, and also owns a fine farm of 70 acres, one-half mile north of the village of Hardinville, upon which are twelve producing oil wells.

NEWLIN, Martin.—Residing in a beautiful home in West York, Crawford County, Ill., surrounded with the comforts earned by years of hard work, Martin Newlin is justly recognized as one of the prosperous citizens of this locality. He was born in Crawford County, near West York, February 16, 1835, a son of Andrew Newlin, who was a native of Randolph County, N. C., born in 1810. Andrew Newlin came to Crawford County in 1818, and when he reached manhood bought Mexican War military warrants, thus acquiring 320 acres of land for less than a dollar an acre. He cultivated his land and gained a large and very valuable property upon which he resided until his death in 1877. His wife's maiden name was Rachel Halliday, her parents being Robert E. and Margaret (Willard) Halliday, also natives of North Carolina.

Until he was twenty-eight years of age, Martin Newlin lived on his father's farm, meantime securing what education could be obtained in the subscription schools. For thirty-eight years he lived and worked upon his own farm, near Annapolis, Crawford County, Ill., and during his residence in Prairie Township served as school director for a number of years, in politics always being a firm Democrat. His habits and inclinations were domestic and he never has allied himself with any church or society.

In March, 1863, Mr. Newlin married Miss Emma J. Hill, daughter of John and Lizare Hill, at the home farm, four miles west of Hutsonville, and the following children were born to them: Alice Victoria, born December 6, 1863, married M. C. Stanfield, a saddler and harness dealer at Annapolis, and they have two children, a girl and a boy; William Henry Robert, born August 24, 1865, deceased; John Andrew, born August 19, 1869, unmarried, lives in Winfield, Kas.; Nellie Jane, born June 4, 1878, married Ray Hill, son of Alva Hill, and they live at Annapolis where Mr. Hill is a farmer and stockraiser. On March 26, 1895, Mr. Newlin married as his second wife Miss Angeline Piety, daughter of J. D. E. and Eliza Piety, near Darwin, Clark County, Ill. Mrs. Newlin was born in Vigo County, Ind., August 1, 1853, and she spent her childhood on the home farm, later being engaged in teaching for ten years in Clark County. She has been a member of the Church of Christ for many years, in which she is an active worker. The family have a beautiful home in West York, and their lawn is delightful with its great forest trees and graceful flowers, the special care of Mrs. Newlin.

It is impossible to do justice to a family like the Newlins in so small a space, for their own history would fill a volume. Even in a restricted territory there are many, among whom may be mentioned the families of Judge E. E., Thomas J. and Dr. Leroy Newlin, living in Robinson; several others living in West York; the two brothers of the name who are bankers in Hutsonville, as well as many others who are bearers of the family name of Newlin in Crawford and neighboring counties.

NEWLIN, Sargent (deceased), was born in Crawford County, Ill., February 5, 1823, a son of John Newlin who was a North Carolinian, and in 1815, with his family and the Hill family emigrated to Indiana, and in 1818 came to Crawford County, Ill., entering 200 acres of land on Section 28, Hutsonville Township. To this he later added 120 acres, and becoming one of the earliest settlers of the county. His wife bore the maiden name of Jane Hill, and she was born in North Carolina and died in Crawford County, having borne her husband eight children. Sargent Newlin lived on the farm and attended subscription schools, and when he was twenty-one he married and began farming on 20 acres given him by his father. To this he added until at one time he owned 317 acres. December 22, 1842, he married Jane Lackey, born in Bourbon County, Ky., in 1826. Mr. and Mrs. Newlin became the parents of three children: Anna M., John T. and Rose E. Politically he was a Democrat, and served in the capacity of Supervisor.

NEWLIN, Thomas J.—The legal profession offers many opportunities to those who have embraced it, and pitfalls as well; for, unless the attorney keeps his ideals high and his conception of the duties of a lawyer untarnished, there is danger for him. Thomas J. Newlin, one of the practicing attorneys of Crawford County, Ill., residing at Robinson, was born near Bellair, Crawford County, Ill., April 2, 1853, a son of Thomas and Mary E. (Ruckle) Newlin. By a previous marriage, Thomas Newlin, Sr., had two children: Martha, now Mrs. John Watt, of Hunt City, Ill., and J. M. Newlin, of Willow Hill, Ill. The children of the second marriage were George A., now deceased; Judge E. E. Newlin; Dr. Leroy Newlin, of Robinson; and Thomas J. Newlin, the subject of this sketch. The father died when the son, Thomas J., was five days old, leaving the latter to the care of his widowed mother, and he received his primary educational

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training in the district schools, while assisting in the support of the family by working on the farm, later taking courses in the Merom (Ind.) College and the Normal College at Danville, and subsequently teaching for seven years in the Crawford County public schools. The mother married as her second husband Thomas Lewis, and by this marriage there were three children: Nettie and Mandaline, both of whom died in infancy, and Delia Smith, who is a teacher, being at the present time at the head of the Primary Department of the graded schools of Oblong, Ill.

In 1889 Thomas J. Newlin began the study of law in the office of his brother, Judge E. E. Newlin, and was admitted to the bar in August of 1891, and in November of the following year was elected Circuit Clerk of Crawford County, serving four years, but declined a second nomination because he wanted to begin practice of the law. In 1897 he became a member of the firm of Jones, Eagleton & Newlin, and remained in this partnership until April 1, 1900, when he retired from that firm and formed an association with Valmore Parker, being still a member of the firm of Parker & Newlin. They are conveniently located in a suite in the Woodworth Block on the west side of the Public Square in Robinson, Ill. When the oil business began to attract attention in Crawford County, Mr. Newlin having great faith in the future oil industry, took an active interest in it, and invested in lands that have become the best oil-bearing property in the county, from which he derives handsome dividends. Mr. Newlin owns the home which he occupies in Robinson, and some farming land in the county.

In 1892 Mr. Newlin married Miss Sarah F. Kirts, of Oblong, Ill., and they have two children, Floy, aged fifteen, and Ralph, aged thirteen. Fraternally, Mr. Newlin is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Modern Woodmen and Masonic orders. Politically he is a Democrat. His religious belief makes him a Methodist, and he is a liberal contributor to the church of his faith. Mr. Newlin is one of the most progressive young men of his locality, and is always foremost in supporting all movements tending towards the betterment of the community, generally.

NICKLE, Albert W.—The career of Albert W. Nickle of Robinson, suggests many interesting considerations for the student of character. His intelligent energy attracted, his superior ability won distinction, and his marvelous success has been won by his own efforts. Mr. Nickle was born in Venango County, Pa., at what is called Old Bullion Furnace, April 30, 1851. His father, James Nickle, was of English stock, and during the gold excitement in California, he left home to try his luck in mining after which no trace was found of him. He had formerly been manager for several large blast furnaces. The mother was of New England stock, but born in the Genesee Valley, N. Y.

Born in moderate circumstances, Mr. Nickle furnishes a wonderful example of what can be accomplished through true grit. At eight years of age he was earning his own living; at nine, was receiving four and a half dollars per month and board as laborer on farm in Mercer County, Pa.; at ten his work was driving the horses which moved the drill then used in boring oil wells, at Mecca, ten miles north of Warren, Ohio. A year later, he was driving three horses on the Erie Canal from Erie to Beaver, and he was then barely eleven. Continuing this work for a season, which lasted from April to November, he earned $36 each month which was really a remarkable amount for a lad of his years to earn. Out of what he then earned he spent only $7.50, and this was for clothes, for his food and lodging, such as it was, was included in his wages.

In 1865 Mr. Nickle had reached Oil Creek, and tells many interesting facts relative to the early discoveries of oil in this locality. Oil was first found by the Indians, who gathered it as it came to the surface, and called it Seneca Oil, Indian Oil and Rock Oil, and claimed various medicinal properties for it. He well remembers the excitement attending the drilling of the first oil well in the Oil Creek District. The discoverer of the well, Colonel E. L. Drake, had become discouraged and went to Franklin, Pa., hoping to obtain financial assistance, for he had no appliance other than the old fashioned pole drill. The driller, William Smith, continued his operation and at a depth of 69½ feet struck oil, and sent word to his employer that he had a twenty-barrel well, which was considered a large one for those days, and the date of the discovery, August 27, 1859, was marked with a red letter. Of course, many other wells were drilled, and Oil Creek became densely populated by eager oil seekers. The great difficulty to be overcome was the cost of transportation, it costing from 50 cents to five dollars per barrel to get it to the river, and varying sums from there to Pittsburg, where the only refinery in that region was located. Mr. Nickle became interested in Oil Creek, and through hard work, industry and thrift, gained a foothold in life. In February, 1906, he came to Robinson, where he has flourished until, to-day, his name is associated with many of the largest concerns of the city, among which may be mentioned, The Riddle Oil Company, of which he is general manager, director and treasurer, and the Baty-Nickle Oil Company of Marion, Ind., in which he is largely interested, and of which he is a director.

On December 25, 1874, at West Monterey, Armstrong County, Pa., Mr. Nickle married Miss Loretta Munn, daughter of Leaverton Munn, a prominent business man and lumber merchant in West Monterey. He and Mr. Nickle were in partnership in several undertakings for a number of years. Although eighty-five, he is in excellent health and has recently made a trip to visit his daughter, Mrs. Nickle, utterly disregarding the fatigue of so long a journey. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Nickle: Clyde L., Edward Earl, and Alta L. Clyde was born January 18, 1875, is married and has three children. He is Vice-President of the Baty-Nickle Oil Company of Marion, Ind. Edward

Earl was born February 2, 1877, and is also in the oil business, being a well driller and meeting with excellent success. Unmarried, his home is in Robinson with his parents, Alta L. was born March 18, 1879, and was carefully educated at Warren, Pa.; Walnut Lane, Philadelphia, a finishing school for young ladies, and Bucknell College for music and painting near Philadelphia. She is married to V. W. Davis, an attorney, and has two children, her home being in Robinson.

Fraternally, Mr. Nickle is a member of the Order of Elks and Odd Fellows. He is a Republican, but while always willing to support all measures which he believes to be for the good of the community, he is not a seeker for public office. The beautiful modern residence of the Nickle family is one of the most complete in Crawford County, and is supplied with all modern conveniences, including running water, hot air heat and electricity. The grounds surrounding the house are very spacious and beautifully laid out and planted with trees, shrubbery and flowers, so that it is regarded as one of the show places of the town.

Much more might be said of the business career of Mr. Nickle, for his experiences have been varied and interesting; but, after all, the main fact is that commencing when almost a baby, he has worked himself up to his present position of affluence and prominence, and that he is held in high esteem by the people of Robinson, and wherever he has been connected in a business way.

NORTON, Charles Jefferson.—The farming activities of a community are influenced largely by the climatic conditions, the fertility of the soil, and the transportation facilities. Crawford County, Ill., offers almost ideal conditions for successful farming, and the many intelligent men who are engaged in it demonstrate that the people of this county are not backward in appreciating these advantages. One of the prosperous agriculturists of this locality is Charles Jefferson Norton, who was born near Burr Oak, St. Joseph County, Mich., November 26, 1847, a son of Alonzo Norton, who was born in Genesee County, N. Y., February 20, 1807, and died in Montgomery Township, Crawford County, May 18, 1879. He had a family as follows: William, born April 17, 1838; Rowena, born December 16, 1839, married Allen Magill, and they have a son and daughter and live in Montgomery Township; Harris, born December 25, 1843; Alvira, born May 7, 1841; Almira born October 24, 1845; Charles Jefferson; Harriet, born February 19, 1850, and Harris (2), born June 13, 1854. The mother of this family was Nancy (Bethelow) Norton, who was born in Virginia, January 22, 1815, and died in Montgomery Township, Crawford County, April 4, 1879. In 1855 Alonzo Norton came to Crawford County and purchased 120 acres in Montgomery Township, on which was a small log house, where the family lived for a number of years.

Charles Jefferson Norton attended the district school in Montgomery Township until he was seventeen years old, and then until his marriage worked for his father on the farm. On February 26, 1871, he was married by the Rev. Young Allison, minister of the Missionary Baptist Church, to Hannah E. Lackey, who was born, April 18, 1852, and is a daughter of Alexander and Diana (Norton) Lackey, the former born in Lawrence County, Ill., and the latter in Ohio. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Norton: Harriet Armida, born February 27, 1872, married Doss A. East, a son of Joseph and Mary (Pethtel) East, have had three children, lost their oldest daughter but have a son and daughter still living and reside in La Motte Township; Harris Putnam, born April 23, 1874, married Cora Buzzard, daughter of Rev. Samuel Buzzard, and they have one daughter and live in Colorado; Thede May, born February 25, 1876, married Oris McGovern, and they have two sons; Urban, born October 12, 1878, married Mary Seymour, daughter of Morton Seymour, and they have a son and daughter and live in Indiana; Bertie C., born March 28, 1880; Lela A., born December 28, 1882; Elmer F., born February 21, 1885, married Iva Fitzpatrick and they have one daughter; Charles E., born January 4, 1887, married Zella Baker, daughter of Jesse and Flora Elizabeth (Shoulders) Baker, no issue; and Owen R., born January 24, 1889. Mrs. Charles E. Norton was born April 27, 1884, in Montgomery Township, where her parents were also born, she being the eldest of the six daughters and four sons born to them.

Mrs. Charles Jefferson Norton was one in a family of five children, the eldest of whom, Sarah, is deceased. Asa, the second child, is living; James is also deceased; Mrs. Norton is the fourth child, and the fifth, Frank, is deceased. The Lackey family was one of the most prominent in Lawrence County, Ill., where Mr. Lackey owned considerable property and took a prominent part in the affairs of his township.

Mr. Norton is a Republican, and while interested in local affairs, has never aspired to political honors. Mrs. Norton is a member of the Christian Church, which she joined when she was seventeen years old. The Norton farm consists of 260 acres, which is highly cultivated and is devoted to general farming and stock-raising. The large residence was erected by Mr. Norton and is one of the most pleasant farm houses in the township. Mr. Norton has devoted his life to agricultural pursuits, and is recognized as an authority on all matters pertaining to his work. A quiet, conservative man, he is content to devote his time to his personal affairs, but his neighbors find that, in times of trouble, he is a friend to be depended upon.

ODELL, David W.—No one man has borne as prominent a part in the development of Oblong, Crawford County, Ill., as has David W. Odell, who has been connected with almost every enterprise in the flourishing little town of Oblong, and who is now President of the First National Bank of that place, senior member of the firm of D. W. Odell & Son, President of the Oil Bent Traction Company, President of the Illinois Oil Company,

Vice-President of the Clark Byers Machine and Supply Company, and Treasurer of the Oblong Manufacturing Company. Mr. Odell was born on a farm one and one-half miles south of Oblong, June 21, 1867, a son of S. H. and Margaret A. (Perkins) Odell. The father resides in Oblong Township, Crawford County, on the place which his father bought about 1854-55, where the former is now a prosperous farmer. The grandfather, David W. Odell, for whom David W. Odell is named, moved from Indiana to Illinois and started the first store in Oblong, buying 160 acres on the present site of the village, fifty-seven years ago. With him came his son S. H. Odell, and the two became pioneers of this new country. Many acres of prairie land did both break up with the primitive method of an ox-team attached to a heavy plow. Game of all kinds supplied the table with fresh meat, and David W. Odell, the younger, early learned to be skillful with his gun, but from earliest boyhood he was ambitious, and while other boys were playing he tramped about the country selling books, fruit trees and other commodities, trying to get a start in life. When only twenty-one years old he decided to abandon farm work and become a business man, and he founded a mercantile house at Oblong, there continuing until January 1, 1897, when he went to Robinson, and for two years was in business there. In February, 1899, he returned to Oblong and for a year was engaged in mercantile business, but on January 1, 1900, established the Oblong Bank, which, in April, 1907, was reorganized as the First National Bank of Oblong, of which he was made President, a position which he still holds. He also conducts a large store adjoining the bank building, under the firm style of D. W. Odell & Son, and carries a full line of shoes, controlling a large trade. In every line of business in which he has embarked, Mr. Odell has met with marked success, and is justly recognized as the leading business man of Crawford County.

Mr. Odell has been married three times; on April 5, 1890, to Miss Dora A. Allison, who died March 24, 1896; on April 3, 1897, to Miss Hattie Carroll, who died October 25, 1902, and on November 21, 1904, he married Miss Josie M. Larrabee, a daughter of Hiram and Sarah J. Larrabee, who was born at Oblong, Ill. He has the the following children: S. F., born February 25, 1891; D. E., born November 12, 1894; I. W., born August 11, 1902; Ida M., born February 17, 1894; Mildred A., born July 29, 1899, and Bernice J., born April 15, 1907. Fraternally, Mr. Odell is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows, Modern Woodmen and Modern Americans. He has been a member of the Methodist Church since 1886. In politics he is a Democrat, but has never aspired to political honors. He is a man widely and favorably known and in the business world, his word is as good as his bond.

ODELL, William Jasper (deceased).—In the death of the late William Jasper Odell, Oblong, Ill., lost one of the finest types of citizen that any community can boast. He was a man of the highest integrity; gentle, and warm-hearted, he drew hundreds to him and retained their friendship and respect through life. No one who knew him failed to respect him, and no one who had any knowledge of his kindly, busy life, but felt a keen regret when he knew that his span of activity had ended.

Mr. Odell was born in Hancock County, Ind., January 5, 1836, and died in Oblong, February 10, 1888. He was a farmer, dry-goods merchant and hotel proprietor, and a man of many excellent qualities of heart and mind, which he developed to a marked degree. When about seventeen years old he came to Illinois with his father, D. W. Odell, Sr., a sketch of whom will be found elsewhere in this work. Mr. Odell was brought up in his native County and in Oblong Township, where he attended school, and he was reared to farm life. On March 22, 1855, he married Isabelle Ryan, who was born in Highland County, Ohio, November 13, 1836, a daughter of William Ryan, deceased, who was a farmer and pioneer of Jasper County, Ill., born in Virginia, where he was reared, educated and married to Sarah Tindolph. His wife was also a native of Virginia, and was reared at Richmond. Mrs. William J. Odell is the third of a family of four daughters and two sons, two born in Virginia and the remainder in Ohio and Jasper County, Ill. William Ryan, her father, came to Illinois with his family in 1866, and locating in Jasper County, entered a quarter-section of land, which he cultivated and improved. He became a very prominent man of Jasper County; politically he was a Democrat, and took an active part in local affairs; was a Mason in fraternal relations and active in the order. His death occurred on his farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell lived in Oblong Township for eighteen years, where he became the owner of 140 acres of land, besides 160 acres in Jasper County, all of which he improved and cultivated. In 1872 he retired from the farm and moved to Oblong, where he opened a general store, and for two years operated the only store in that place. In 1874 he embarked in the hotel business, opening the Oblong House, which he conducted until his death, and under his management this became a very well known and popular hostelry. A strong Democrat, he was much interested in local affairs and made his influence felt for good. Mr. and Mrs. Odell had children as follows: Arminta, Emma Minor, William Washington (deceased), Agnes Johnson, Pearl Sheets and Dallas T. Odell, all born and reared in Oblong Township.

OLWIN, Judge J. C., attorney-at-law, and Judge of the Crawford County Court, now deceased, was born December 6, 1838, in Montgomery County, Ohio, and brought up on the farm, receiving a good, common school education. In 1860 he commenced studying law in Dayton, matriculating in 1862 in the Ohio State and Union Law School at Cleveland, and in 1863 came

to Crawford County, for one term teaching school near Palestine. He then settled in Robinson and entered into active practice. Judge Olwin became very prominent as a Republican and was elected to the Thirty-second General Assembly, his term expiring in 1882, and he rendered such efficient service that the same fall he was elected County Judge, also served as Master-in-Chancery for four years. Judge Olwin married January 4, 1866, Amelia A. Tobey, of Montgomery County, Ohio, and they had a family as follows: Harry, Claudia E., Ora M., Tobey, Beulah and Jessie. Judge Olwin's popularity in a Democratic county is sufficient testimony to his unswerving loyalty to duty and his ability as a member of Bar and Bench.

OLWIN, John.—Some of the most beautiful homes in Robinson, Crawford County, Ill., are occupied by men who have retired from the battles of business life and yet keep up their interest in civic affairs. Among them is John Olwin, who was born in Montgomery County, Ohio, fifteen miles west of Dayton, December 5, 1838. Shortly after his birth the family removed to Darke County, Ohio, and here he grew to manhood on a farm, helping clear off the timber and assisting his parents, David and Nancy (Graybill) Olwin, natives of Pennsylvania and Virginia, respectively, and both of German extraction. Both died in Ohio, where they had become successful in agricultural life.

John Olwin received the usual common school education of his time and locality, and at the outbreak of the Civil War in April, 1861, enlisted for three months in the Eleventh Regiment, Ohio, Infantry. He was sent to Camp Chase, Ohio, and from there to camp in a wheatfield near Cincinnati, known as Camp Dennison. The regiment established itself there and before the men were properly trained the three months had expired. Mr. Olwin returned to his farm life, but the spirit of patriotism was still strong in him and in June, 1862, he enlisted in Company G, Forty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry for a period of three years or during the war. The regiment was attached to the Army of the Potomac and taken through Kentucky, Tennessee and North Carolina. During his long service, Mr. Olwin participated in many engagements, including the Siege of Knoxville, a raid on the Cumberland, the raid to destroy Louden Bridge near Knoxville, and here many were captured while climbing the mountain. Mr. Olwin was among these unfortunates, and was sent to Libby Prison where he was kept six months and then exchanged. He immediately rejoined his regiment at Knoxville, and was then transferred to the One Hundred and Fourth Ohio Vounteer Infantry. Soon after his transfer, however, Mr. Olwin was placed on detached duty in the commissary department, where he remained until June, 1865, when he was mustered out. While in the department he had charge of the Post Bakery.

In August, 1865, Mr. Olwin came to Palestine, where D. B. Olwin, an uncle, was living, and after he paid him a visit he decided to remain in Crawford County with his cousin, Fred Ernest, also from Ohio, and they opened and operated a furniture store at Hutsonville on the Wabash River. Soon thereafter, they sold to J. A. Parker and Mr. Olwin entered the employ of the new proprietor, remaining as salesman for a year, when occurred his marriage. In the fall of 1867, Mr. Olwin became a partner of his father-in-law, J. R. Hurst, in a general store under the nome of Hurst & Olwin, with Mr. Olwin in charge. He soon induced Mr. Hurst to add a grain business to their undertaking. Still later, the business was enlarged to include hardware, and the success that followed was highly satisfactory. For seventeen years this association continued, when Mr. Hurst retired and his sons, W. B. and L. C. Hurst, assumed his interest. In 1883 Mr. Olwin sold his interests to his partners, W. B. and L. C. Hurst, and coming to Robinson entered into partnership with H. O. Wilkin in the dry-goods business, but a year later the stock was divided and each member embarked alone. At this time the John Olwin & Company firm was started, and continued for sixteen years, or until 1903, the partners being members of his family. The present location of the Farmers' and Producers' Bank, on the corner of North Cross and Main Streets, was the site of his old place of business. He carried a line of general merchandise and enjoyed a very large trade. Mr. Olwin erected a big elevator in 1895 on the Big Four Railroad and continued to operate it. In 1903 he disposed of his dry-goods business, in that year buying the stock of goods owned by the Estate of J. C. Alexander, which was soon reduced to an exclusive shoe-house, the only one in the county, which is now owned and operated by Mr. Olwin's son, O. G. Olwin. In December, 1906, in conjunction with W. B. Hiteshew and others, Mr. Olwin organized the Farmers' and Producers' Bank, with himself as Vice-President and director. The affairs of the bank are in a flourishing condition, with deposits of over $400,000.

For the past twenty-four years Mr. Olwin lived in the comfortable home on West Main Street which he erected in 1884, but has recently sold this place and erected a more modern dwelling. In 1874 he met with a serious loss when his building and stock were completely destroyed by fire, but the firm reopened business at another stand, and soon after the firm erected a new building of their own.

Few men are more stanch in their support of the Republican party than Mr. Olwin, and he prides himself upon having cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1860. Mr. Olwin is deeply interested in civic and county affairs, and can always be counted upon to give his support to whatever measures he believes will conserve the best interests of the community. For forty years he has been a member of the Masonic order at Hutsonville and for years was its Worshipful Master.

On October 4, 1866, Mr. Olwin married Florence R. Hurst, daughter of John R. Hurst, a

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merchant of Hutsonville, where she was born and reared, she being then twenty years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Olwin have had the following children: Charles H., a commercial salesman of Robinson; Lola, died at twenty, was an artist of unusual ability, and was decorating the house in pastel and water colors when her death suddenly occurred; Georgia G., wife of William C. Swartz, of Danville, an osteopath; Ocie G., now proprietor of the Olwin shoe store; Fred B., a dentist of Hammond, Ind.; Byrd G., a commercial salesman of Robinson; Clara B., wife of W. Russell Hodge, a bookkeeper of Marshall, Ill.; Nan B., wife of Leslie G. Palmer, a clothier of Robinson, and Lois B., wife of S. S. Spencer, a commercial salesman of Williamsport, Pa.

OLWIN, Ocie Gordon.—Of good judgment and high purpose in life, Ocie Gordon Olwin's years have been busy ones, and he has succeeded in building up a very fine trade and in becoming one of the leading merchants of Robinson. Mr. Olwin was born in Hutsonville, Crawford County, Ill., February 1, 1873, the son of John and Rebecca Florence Olwin, the former born in Darke County, Ohio, December 5, 1838, and the latter born in Crawford County, Ill., May 23, 1846. John Olwin is a retired merchant of Robinson. Ocie G. Olwin began attending school in Hutsonville when only five years old and when the family located in Robinson he continued his studies until seventeen, when he entered his father's store as a clerk. After two years there, he attended the Parsons Horological School for watchmakers for one year. In 1892 he located in Albion, Ill., in the jewelry business, then returning to Robinson, worked for his father. Once more he left home, this time to engage as a traveling salesman for a queensware house of Indianapolis. After one year with that firm, he engaged with Barker, Brown & Co. of Huntington, Ind., manufacturers of shoes, and remained with them for five years, thoroughly learning the business in all its practical details. In March, 1907, in partnership with his father and brother he purchased an extensive stock of dry-goods and shoes and opened his large quarters. In June of the same year, Mr. Olwin bought out the interests of his father and brother, and sold out the dry-goods, so that in October, 1907, he opened the only exclusive shoe-store in Crawford County, and enjoys a very large patronage, while his business shows a healthy increase.

On October 6, 1897, Mr. Olwin married Miss Daisy Endsley, born in Westfield, Ill., and one child, Clotilde Florence, was born to them March 31, 1899. Mr. Olwin is a Republican in politics, and fraternally was initiated as a member of the Knights of Pythias, in 1896, the Modern Woodmen in 1904, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks in 1906, and became a Mason at Robinson, Ill., in 1906.

Mr. and Mrs. Olwin are engaged in erecting one of the most beautiful homes in Robinson, thoroughly equipped with every modern appliance and with conveniences without number, and pleasantly located on South Cross Street. His thorough knowledge of his business, and good business sense have gained him a fair share of this world's goods. Strict honesty in business dealings, loyalty to his friends and the deepest love for his family have made a record which all who know him may well envy, and which has established him among the popular and progressive young men of Robinson.

OTEY, E. N., who has been so prominently identified with much of the building operations of Robinson, and, as a member of the firm of Otey & Son, has operated a large planing mill here, was born in Palestine, Ill., in March, 1831. Learning his trade in Terre Haute, Ind., Mr. Otey returned to Crawford County, where the most of his work has been done. Mr. Otey accumulated considerable property during his business life, including an excellent farm and some valuable town residences. On December 20, 1854, Mr. Otey was married in Terre Haute, Ind., to Mary C. Hebb, and they have had four children: Harry E., Rose, Clifford F. and Helen.

OVERSTREET, Frederick A.—To faithfully discharge the duties of any public office shows reliability of character and decided energy. As distributor of mails in the postoffice at Robinson, Ill., Frederick A. Overstreet shows the same scrupulous care that has characterized him ever since he started out to earn his own living, and those who recognize his excellent qualities know that he is devoted to the interests of the public. Mr. Overstreet was born five miles northeast of Oblong, Crawford County, Ill., October 9, 1886, a son of John Roland Overstreet, who came from Kentucky. His wife, whose maiden name was Harriet Louise Larrabee, was born near Oblong, and died in Robinson.

Frederick A. Overstreet attended the Robinson High School and also the Peoria Polytechnic School, and held responsible positions in the jewelry establishments of Mr. Swern in 1906, and Mr. Seitz in 1906-07, respectively. His appointment to the postoffice was made October 9, 1907, and was received favorably by all who knew the young man. In politics he is a very active Republican, and contributes generously towards the support of the Methodist Church, of which his wife is a member. Fraternally he is a member of the Order of Red Men.

On March 25, 1908, Mr. Overstreet married Orabelle Dodge, daughter of W. E. Dodge, Superintendent of the Warren Machine Company of Robinson. Mrs. Overstreet was born at Cooper Tract, Pa., March 22, 1892. Mr. and Mrs. Overstreet have a beautiful home on Madison Avenue, Robinson, where they welcome their many friends with delightful hospitality.

PARKER, George (deceased), for many years one of the successful farmers of Honey Creek Township, was born in 1812 near Four Mile Creek, which runs through Butler County, Ohio, a son of Samuel Parker. The latter was born in Kentucky in 1782, and moved to Ohio in an early day, and to Illinois in 1819. In Kentucky

he married Sarah Newman, born about 1783, and they had the following family: Merinty, John, George, William, Julia, Rachel, James, Annie, and two who died unnamed. George Parker's boyhood days were spent assisting his father, and securing what education the subscription schools afforded. Early in life he joined the Missionary Baptist Church and preached in various places throughout the county. His first marriage occurred when he was united to Pattie Henry, by whom he had these children: Annie, William, Eliza J., John, Henry, Julia, Sarah A., Washington, LaFayette and Barbara A. His second wife was Mrs. Jane Monroe. On the paternal side of the house, the ancestors were English, while on the maternal side they were Dutch.

PARKER, George N.—Eminently successful as a lawyer and business man, prominent in local, county and State politics, and possessing large legal knowledge, wide experience, the judicial temperament, unsullied integrity and a high sense of honor, George N. Parker is one of the leading representatives of his profession in Crawford County, having resided in Robinson since boyhood. Mr. Parker is a native of the county, having been born within its limits April 9, 1843, a son of Samuel and Emeline (Lanham) Parker, the former of whom was a native of Miami Township, Butler County, Ohio, and the latter born in Clinton County, Ia. Samuel Parker, with his father, Jonathan, came to Illinois before it was admitted to the Union in 1818, and there Jonathan Parker died near Flat Rock, Crawford County.

As his father was a farmer, George N. Parker early was accustomed to work upon the farm, and attended the district school in his vicinity, following this later by a course in Palestine Academy, then attending the Union Christian College, finally finishing at the University of Michigan. On October 4, 1866, the family moved to Robinson, where Mr. Parker has since resided. Returning to Robinson from the University of Michigan, he taught school and was honored by election to the office of County Superintendent of Schools of Crawford County, which he efficiently filled until 1869. Having in the meanwhile taken up the study of law, Mr. Parker was admitted to practice in the State Courts in June, 1870, and in 1879 was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of the United States, and was engaged as attorney for the construction of the Indianapolis Southern Railroad. Mr. Parker is a member of the Chamber of Commerce of Robinson, is a Director in the Terre Haute, Robinson, Olney and Mt. Vernon Railroad, and is largely interested in many other enterprises which he has assisted in organizing. As an attorney he has been associated with some of the most eminent members of his profession in the country, and his ability and enviable reputation for upholding all that is highest and best in his profession are unexcelled.

On May 5, 1870, Mr. Parker married Miss Julia Alice Crowley of Coshocton County, Ohio, at Newton, Jasper County, Ill., of this marriage there being no issue. Mrs. Parker is an honorary member of the Society of Ben Hur, and is a member of the Dickens Literary Club; is also a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church and a cultured, charming lady who presides over her home with gracious hospitality. Mr. Parker is connected with the Modern Woodmen, Society of Ben Hur and the order of Modern America. All his life he has been a Democrat from principle and has been very active in politics, serving four years on the Democratic State Central Committee, and for twelve years was Chairman of the Democratic County Central Committee. In 1908 he was sent as delegate to the Democratic National Convention at Denver which nominated Bryan and Kern. Mr. Parker's influence on public men and public events has been exerted in many ways, and always for ultimate good. Powerful from dignity of character and wisdom, he is much more than a great lawyer; is one of the great citizens of Crawford County, and he is engaged in the great work of making history.

PARKER, George Washington.—The ranks of the veterans of the Civil War are thinning, and each year the number of the survivors grows fewer. Among those who fought for the preservation of the Union, and also contended with the disadvantages of private life when Crawford County was still in a partially undeveloped state, was the late George W. Parker, who was a farmer and stockman on Section 28, Honey Creek Township, Crawford County, where he was born December 25, 1842. He was a son of Newman Parker, a pioneer of Crawford County. Newman Parker came to the county when a boy and here grew to manhood. Entering a large amount of land, he cleared it off and placed it in a state of high cultivation. He married Maria Attaway, a member of a pioneer family. Later Newman Parker participated in the Black Hawk War, and was a very prominent man of his time.

After receiving as good an education as the schools of his times afforded, George W. Parker worked with his father, and as he was the fourth child in a family of fifteen, there was plenty for him to do. When he attained his majority his father gave him 80 acres of land in the woods, and he cleared a portion and then sold it. Later he bought 101 acres which forms the family home. This he also cleared to a large extent, and he worked hard to get it in good shape. In 1861 he inlisted in Company H, Eleventh Regiment, Missouri Volunteer Infantry, in which he served for three years, returning home at the close of the war, when he moved his family to Lawrence County, where he owned and cleared 80 acres of land, but eventually sold this and came back to his former home in Honey Creek Township.

On February 18, 1863, Mr. Parker married Sarah Jane Lewis, born in La Motte Township, October 25, 1846, a daughter of the late Samuel Lewis, a farmer and stock-raiser of La Motte Township, who came to Crawford County with his father, Samuel Lewis, from their native State,

North Carolina. Samuel, Sr., was a soldier of the Black Hawk War, and also a farmer and early settler of La Motte Township, where he owned and cleared a large tract of land. Samuel Lewis, Jr., who was the eldest child of the family, was reared in La Motte Township, and there married Ellen Garrard, who was born in Crawford County, Ill., a daughter of Jacob and Susan Garrard, who settled in Martin Township and became extensive landowners there, clearing off a large tract and placing it under cultivation. Mrs. Parker is the eldest in her father's family, which was as follows: Sarah Jane, Lucy (deceased), Palmer (deceased), Rosie, Ella, Samuel, Emma—all born in La Motte Township, where Mr. Lewis bought a farm and brought it into a high state of cultivation. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis died at Robinson. He was a Republican and he and his wife were members of the Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker had the following family: Maria J., born April 11, 1864; John H., born April 18, 1866; Lucy E., born April 26, 1868; Cora E., born October 7, 1871; Dessie A., born July 13, 1874; Myrtle N., born February 2, 1877; Hallie M., born December 25, 1879; Millard A., born September 23, 1882; G. F., born September 5, 1886, and one who died in infancy. Three were born in Lawrence County, and the remainder in Crawford County. Mr. Parker was a Republican and a member of the G. A. R. His death occurred May 20, 1887, when he was in his forty-third year. Mr. Parker was a man who did much for his township, although more as a private individual than as a public official. He erected a comfortable home, a good barn and all other buildings appertaining to a first-class modern homestead. His fields were well laid off for the growing of grain and for pasturage, and the fences were substantially built and kept in good repair. In his business transactions he was upright and far-seeing, and in his home he was the wise and tender husband and father. In his demise the neighborhood lost one of its best and most reliable citizens.

PARKER, Henry.—Those who have been born on Illinois soil have a love for the State not possessed by those who come to it, and this is especially true of the farmer who gains his living from the soil, and who learns to know all its possibilities and true value. Henry Parker of Section 15, Honey Creek Township, Crawford County, was born on his present farm March 23, 1840, a son of William Parker. The Parker family is a numerous one, and its representatives are to be found throughout the State, especially in this county, and they are associated with various lines of industry.

Henry Parker remembers well the primitive log schoolhouse in which he received his education, as well as the many hardships the family endured in those early days in the history of the county. Remaining at home until his father's death, he later rented 60 acres of the original homestead, and began to develop and cultivate the land which he had helped his father clear. On October 16, 1860, he married Mary Allison, a native of Lawrence County, Ill., who was brought to Crawford County by her parents when eleven years old. She is a daughter of Harvey Allison, now deceased, who was for a number of years a farmer of Honey Creek Township. He spent five years in California prospecting for gold, going there overland and returning by water. After his return he remained for a time in Crawford County, but later went to Texas, where his death occurred. Mrs. Parker is the eldest of four children, of whom one was born in Honey Creek Township, and all educated in the district school. The mother, Elizabeth (Parker) Allison, was born and reared in Crawford County, but died prior to her husband, who married again in Texas and had four children by his second marriage. The children by his first marriage were: Mary, Alvira, Redman and Eliza Dew. By his second marriage the children born were: Harry, Ambrose, William and Ambresia.

After his marriage Mr. Parker settled on 80 acres of the old homestead to which he has added until he now owns 260 acres of as good land as is to be found in Crawford County, nearly all of which he has cleared, and made all improvements. This land is devoted to general farming and stock-raising, and he has operated a threshing machine for a number of years. Mr. Parker also has a saw-mill on his property which he operates, and in all of his enterprises he is successful, being a good manager and excellent business man.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker have had children as follows: Valmore, Eliza, Ellen, Sarah E. (deceased), George, Harvey, Albert, Anna (deceased), and Millie and Estella (twins), all born in Honey Creek Township. Mr. Parker is a Democrat and for six years was Township Supervisor. In 1905 oil was discovered on his premises and he now has twenty-five wells in active operation. In fraternal relations he is a Mason, and for forty years has been a member of the Missionary Baptist Church.

PARKER, Lafayette.—The young men of today are revolutionizing farming by applying scientific methods to their work, just as their brothers are in other lines of commercial and industrial activity. No longer do they till the soil and raise their cattle in a hit or miss way. Each task is done with reference to a carefully laid plan, and as a result the land is made to yield manifold crops that were the result of the labors of their ancestors. Lafayette Parker is one of these representative young farmers of Crawford County, conveniently located on Section 11, Honey Creek, where he was born March 6, 1854, the youngest son of George Parker, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work.

Mr. Parker attended school in the little log schoolhouse of the neighborhood, and helped to clear the land his father owned, thus passing his boyhood usefully. When his father died he was the owner of 120 acres, the greater portion of which he cleared and upon which he had made all improvements. He built his home, barns and

other outbuildings, and put up the fences. Here he has carried on general farming and stock-raising, carrying a good grade of horses. To his 120 acres he has added 20 acres, and his wife owns 25½ acres, nearly all improved. Three oil wells are in active operation on his place, and this has rendered his property all the more valuable.

Mr. Parker married Mary Jane Richards, who was born, reared, educated and married in Lawrence County, on a farm. Five children were born of this marriage: Jesse W.; Ota, deceased, and three who died in infancy, all born on his present farm. Mrs. Parker died and later he married Martha A. Ford, who was born in Honey Creek Township, the daughter of Warner Ford, now deceased, who was a farmer of Honey Creek Township, also reared in Crawford County, his father being one of its pioneers. Mr. and Mrs. Parker have had no children. Mr. Parker has always been a Democrat and also taken an active part in the affairs of the Masonic fraternity. He and his wife are members of the Missionary Baptist Church.

PARKER, Washington.—The Parker family is closely associated with the pioneer history of Crawford County, and its members have largely assisted in its development and improvement. When the family was located in this County the land was either timber, brush or swamp land, and practically worthless until hard work and skillful management had changed it into the many fertile farms and prosperous cities it contains. The children of these pioneers endured as much as their elders, and are now reaping the benefits. Washington Parker, a farmer and stock-raiser of Honey Creek Township, located on Section 3, was born in that Township, January 15, 1852. He is a son of the pioneer George Parker, now deceased, who was a farmer of Honey Creek Township, born in Butler County, Ohio, March 20, 1812. When about six years of age he came to Honey Creek Township with his father, Jonathan Parker, now deceased, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

George Parker attended the early log schoolhouse of the Township, and worked hard assisting his father in clearing the land he had entered from the government. Remaining at home until his marriage, he then entered land from the government for himself, starting with 25 cents. This he cleared and improved, and then added to it. He gave each of his sons 80 acres and his daughters 40 acres. He and his sons did an immense amount of work developing these different pieces of property. George Parker married Mary Henry, born in middle Tennessee, where she was reared. A family of five sons and five daughters were born to them, namely: William (deceased), Eliza Jane (deceased), John, Henry (deceased), Julia Ann (deceased), Sarah Ann, Anna (deceased), Washington, Lafayette, Barbara (deceased)—all born in Honey Creek Township, and all having been married. George Parker was a Democrat, a member of the Grange, and a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. His death occurred in Honey Creek Township.

Washington Parker was given all the educational advantages Honey Creek Township afforded, although the only school was held in a log house, with all the primitive conditions. He was twenty-six before he left home, and so did more than his share of work in helping his father clear the home place. In February, 1878, he married Sarah Ann Weger, who was born in Honey Creek Township. She is the daughter of William Weger, deceased, one of the pioneers of Honey Creek Township. Mrs. Parker also acquired her education in the log schoolhouse. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Parker: Everett E., Maggie Olivia, Charles Grover, Daisy Ellen, Tura Gladys, Chester Leroy and Agnes Lurena—all born in the township.

About five years after marriage, Mr. Parker located on his present farm, which then consisted of 90 acres. This he developed and improved, adding to it 100 acres, and on it devotes his attention to general farming and stock-raising. A Democrat in politics, he has been active in local affairs, and has held the office of Constable. He has been a member of the Grange and he and his wife belong to the Missionary Baptist Church.

PARKER, William (deceased).—The late William Parker was one of the successful farmers and stock-raisers of Honey Creek Township, Crawford County, of which he is a native. During his useful life he built up for himself a lasting reputation as a man of unblemished character, honorable in all business transactions. He was imbued with that generous public spirit, always ready to assist in whatever is calculated to promote the welfare of the community. Mr. Parker was born on Section 13, Honey Creek Township, February 15, 1841, a son of John Parker, a pioneer of Crawford County and a native of Ohio. John Parker was brought to Crawford County when a boy by his parents, Samuel and Polly (Newman) Parker, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this book. At an early date John Parker entered and settled on land in Honey Creek Township which he cleared and placed under cultivation.

William Parker was educated in the primitive schools of the township, and worked on the farm until he was twenty-two years old. On April 2, 1865, he married Elizabeth Allison, the daughter of Alfred Harrison Allison and Susan Ann (Highsmith) Allison. Ezra Allison, father of Alfred Harrison, came to Crawford County with his son, and they were very early pioneers of the county. One of the brothers of Alfred Harrison Allison was killed by the Indians after the family settled in Crawford County. Mrs. Parker was reared and educated in Lawrence County. Mr. Allison was one of those who helped to clear the county of Indians, and the old Fort Allison was named after him. Later he moved to Lawrence County, but returned to Crawford County, and still later went to Coles County. Again he re-

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turned to Crawford County, but liking Lawrence County better, he went back there, and there died, January 25, 1858, his wife dying August 4, 1881. He spent his life as a farmer and cleared a great deal of land. Mrs. Parker is the sixth child in the family of ten children born to her parents, one of whom died in infancy. The four sons and six daughters were born in Crawford, Lawrence and Coles Counties. Mr. Allison was a stanch Republican from the formation of the party.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Parker moved to Honey Creek Township, where they located on 120 acres of land, about ninety acres of which Mr. Parker cleared. In September, 1885, they moved to their present farm, which they had purchased, and at the time of his death Mr. Parker owned 320 acres. All of this was in Honey Creek Township, and of this he cleared about 120 acres. He carried on farming and stock-raising until his demise, and was recognized as one of the successful farmers in this part of the country. All of the improvements on his land were made by him. In politics he was a Democrat. Mr. and Mrs. Parker had a family as follows: Harrison, Viola F., Martha J., John (deceased), George Washington (deceased), Henry (deceased), Albert (deceased), Mary Ann (deceased), Carl Carlton, Grover C., and an unnamed infant. On November 28, 1903, Mr. Parker passed away, and his remains were interred in Good Hope Cemetery. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Daniel Clements, and the community attended in large numbers to pay honor to his memory.

PATTON, Mrs. E. A. (deceased), was born in Palestine, Ill., December 6, 1817, a daughter of William Wilson, one of the pioneers and the first Postmaster of Palestine, born April 4, 1790, and died February 12, 1850. He was a member of the Legislature and a very prominent man. He married Miss E. Kitchell, and they had fifteen children, Mrs. Patton being the eldest. Mrs. Patton married December 31, 1835, Dr. E. L. Patton, born November 31, 1809, in Tennessee. Dr. Patton was educated in Washington College, Tenn., and followed the practice of medicine in Palestine until his demise, which occurred December 30, 1862. Dr. and Mrs. Patton had twelve children, many of whom became prominent in various lines of business and professions. Mrs. Patton was a very active worker in the Presbyterian Church, and she lived in the comfortable residence in Palestine built by Dr. Patton. Mrs. Patton will long be remembered as a worthy, devout, Christian lady, a good neighbor and kind friend.

PAULL, Findley (deceased), who was connected with the mercantile life of Palestine in its earlier days, was born in Fayette County, Pa., February 26, 1809, a son of James, born in 1781, in Fayette County, Pa., where he died in June, 1856, having been a farmer and iron manufacturer, and one of the most successful men of his locality. He was married three times and became the father of fourteen children, Findley being the eldest. The mother of Findley bore the maiden name of Hannah Jackson. The grandfathers and great-grandfathers of Findley Paull were in the Revolution. Findley Paull attended school in Fayette County, Pa., and when fifteen years old commenced clerking in Wheeling, W. Va., for his uncle, and in 1835, with his uncle opened a general store in Palestine, Ill. Five years later he purchased his uncle's interest, and continued the business alone, becoming very successful. In time he retired from active life and lived in Palestine. In 1835 he married in Wheeling, W. Va., Ann M. Bayless, who was born in 1811 and died in Palestine in 1877, having borne her husband seven children. Mr. Paull married again, June 15, 1880, Mrs. E. Gorman, widow of Dr. C. Gorman. For many years Mr. Paull was an elder in the Presbyterian Church, was an ardent Republican, and interested in prohibition and an active worker in the temperance cause.

PEARCE, L. B. (deceased), was born September 18, 1810, in Champaign County, Ohio, a son of John and Elizabeth (Stewart) Pearce, natives of New York and Maryland. John Pearce was a soldier in the War of 1812, and he and his wife were members of the Methodist Church. Of a family of pioneers of Indiana, L. B. Pearce, who was one of eight children, secured a very meager education in the subscription schools of that period. Before becoming a farmer, he engaged in constructing some saw and grist mills on the present site of Logansport, Ind., for the Pottawatomie Indians, under the supervision of Gen. Tipton. After this Mr. Pearce began farming in Fountain County, Ind., and two years later bought land in Warren County, Ind. In three years he moved to Kankakee Marsh, near Lake Michigan, in Indiana, but soon sold and went to Benton County, Ind. For some time he was in a dry-goods business at Independence, Ind., but in 1851 came to La Motte Prairie, Crawford County, Ill., and subsequently was a dry-goods merchant at Hutsonville under the firm name of Pearce & Neely. In three years he sold out, and once more became a farmer. Later he again entered mercantile life in Hutsonville, and in 1861 secured a contract to transport soldiers from Sumner, a point on the Ohio & Mississippi Railroad, at the close of the war buying a farm. He settled in Hutsonville in 1863, and for many years lived there retired. In 1830 he married Anna Hurley, daughter of Zadock and Lillus (Campbell) Hurley, natives of Maryland and South Carolina, who died in Warren County, Ind., the parents of eleven children. Zadock Hurley was also a soldier in the War of 1812, and he and his wife were Methodists, as was Mrs. Pearce, although Mr. Pearce was a Universalist. Mr. and Mrs. Pearce had eight children. He was a Republican, and held some of the offices of his township, and always took an active interest in temperance matters.

PERRINE, James.—In that struggle in which man pitted himself against primeval forest and

aboriginal inhabitant, the strongest types of manhood and womanhood were evolved and traits of character were handed down to the present generation. The Perrine family has been prominent in the pioneer history of this country for many years, especially in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, in fact, representatives of the name may be found in many other States. James Perrine, a farmer and stock-raiser on Section 35, Oblong Township, Crawford County, was born in Franklin County, Ind., June 8, 1844, a son of James Perrine, also a farmer and stock-raiser, now deceased, who was born in Ohio, where he was reared and educated. In Ohio, he married Matilda Miller, who was born in Virginia, but reared in the Buckeye State. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. James Perrine, Sr., moved to Indiana, locating in Franklin County, but in 1858 they made another change, and settled near Robinson, Crawford County, where the father rented property until he bought twenty acres in Oblong Township, and having cleared off this property, lived upon it until his death, which occurred when he was eighty-eight years old. Of his five children, James Perrine was the fourth. One son, David, died during the Civil War while in service in the Fifth Illinois Cavalry. In politics the elder James was a Democrat, was very prominent in local affairs and widely and favorably known.

James Perrine, the younger, was reared and educated in Indiana and Illinois. In 1869 he married Katherine Perrine, who bore him one son, Lesley, and died February 15, 1888, aged forty-six years and two days. On July 14, 1889, Mr. Perrine married Alice Melissa Perkins, daughter of Ute Perkins, born in Clinton County, Ind., and came to Crawford County to keep house for her uncle, with whom she lived until her marriage. Her father was a soldier in the Civil War. Mr. and Mrs. Perrine have two sons—James Ute, a druggist, and Andrew Franklin, both of whom were born on the home place. This homestead, when originally purchased by Mr. Perrine, consisted of only fifteen acres, but he kept adding to it until he now owns 103 acres of well improved land that is yielding him a handsome income. In politics he is a Democrat, and in religious affiliations he and wife are members of the United Brethren Church. He is industrious, thrifty and enterprising, and the success which has attended his efforts is certainly well merited.

PICKERING, William.—If the recollections of the veterans of the Civil War could be compiled in one volume, the country would have a history of that conflict which would prove not only very interesting but highly instructive. While these veterans are honored and respected, too little attention has been paid to their standpoint relative to the stirring occurrences of the early '60s. Unfortunately, space forbids any lengthy description in this article, although the account given by William Pickering of some of the engagements in which he participated ought to be placed on record. William Pickering was born March 2, 1844, in Fairfield County, Ohio, a son of James Pickering.

James Pickering was a native of Rockingham County, Va., where he lived until ten years of age, when his father, Jacob Pickering, removed with his family to Fairfield County, Ohio, there purchasing a farm. Jacob Pickering and his wife, Hannah, had these children: James, John Jackson, Jacob Hampton, Harrison, Catherine, Grace and Elizabeth. James Pickering started out to make his own way in the world at the age of twenty years, renting a farm of eighty acres, to which he kept adding until he had 200 acres. Shortly after his marriage he lived with his father, helping him to clear the timber and brush from his farm, on which was a hewed log house of one room, 18x20 feet, to which James Perrine afterwards added a frame addition. At the age of twenty-two years, Mr. Pickering was married to Catherine Smith, and they became the parents of nine children: Jacob Hamilton, Hannah, Amanda, William, Phillips, James, John Harrison, Mathia Smith and Catherine.

William Pickering remained on the home farm until he was twenty-one years of age, his education being received in the Swamp Schoolhouse, and later in the new Oak Schoolhouse, which had been built to take the place of the Swamp school. When about twenty-one years of age, Mr. Pickering enlisted at Columbus, Ohio, for service in the Union army, becoming a member of the Tenth Cavalry, under command of Col. Sanders and Capt. Morgan. His regiment was first ordered to Atlanta, and later to Marietta, Ga., where Mr. Pickering was placed on picket duty on the day of arrival. The regiment remained at the latter place for a month and was then ordered to join Sherman in his famous March to the Sea. At the memorable battle of Macon, Ga., Mr. Pickering's regiment was ordered to make an attempt to capture the Confederate breastworks. The attempt was a gallant one, but failed owing to the prompt reenforcement of Confederates. The Union soldiers, being compelled to retreat, retired to a creek which had high banks, and here they remained while the shot and shell of the artilleries of both armies buzzed over their heads from opposite sides of the creek. After the battle of Macon, the regiment went to Andersonville, the trip taking three days and three nights, and the only sleep the soldiers got was in the saddle, or while the horses were feeding. At the close of the war, Mr. Pickering was at Greensburg, N. C., whence he went to Salem, N. C., and was there discharged. The regiment was then sent to Columbus, Ohio, where it was mustered out, the one-year men, of whom Mr. Pickering was one, being the first to be sent home. William Pickering has the record of a brave soldier, of which any veteran might well be proud.

After the war Mr. Pickering returned to Fairfield County, Ohio, and for a time worked out by the month at farming. For one year after his marriage he rented a farm, coming to Licking Township, Crawford County, Ill., on a visit to the Price family who were old friends of his

family. Here, with his army pay which he had carefully saved and some money which he had received from the sale of some stock, he purchased sixty-two acres of farming land in Section 2, on which he did not locate, however, until one year later, owing to the fact that a family was residing there. On this place was a log cabin in which Mr. Pickering and his family lived for ten years, and to which he has added from time to time until it became the substantial home it is to-day. Only ten acres of his land had been cleared, but he now has it all under cultivation and in excellent condition.

On December 5, 1869, Mr. Pickering was married by Rev. George Helperman to Hannah Matz, daughter of Jacob and Hannah (Lupt) Matz, who was born in Pennsylvania, and was brought by her parents to Wayne County, Ohio. Three children have been born to them: Edwin Leo, born April 16, 1875, who died June 24, 1880; Elnora C., born June 29, 1881, died October 24, 1908; and Brady C., born January 9, 1886.

Mr. Pickering is an independent voter, and has served three years as School Director. He and his wife are members of the Missionary Baptist Church. His war record entitles him to membership in Joseph Shaw Post, G. A. R., at Annapolis, of which he is a popular comrade.

PITTINGER, Charles William.—The discovery of oil in Crawford County within recent years has completely revolutionized values in this locality, increasing its commercial and industrial activity, and bringing into existence new corporations, and developing many private business possibilities. Charles William Pittinger, one of the large oil men of Robinson, Ill., was born at Carlton, Mercer County, Pa., February 25, 1876, a son of John Fisherman and Amelia Ann (Shilling) Pittinger, the former born at Sharon, Pa., April 17, 1839, and the latter from Shaw's Landing, Pa. She was descended from the family of Henry Wolf, a descendant of General Wolf of Quebec fame. James Shilling, a brother of Mrs. J. F. Pittinger, died in Andersonville prison during the Civil War, and her father served through the entire struggle, a member of the Third Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery. His brother, Nicholas Pittinger, was killed at the second battle of Bull Run.

The boyhood of Charles William Pittinger was well filled with school and farm duties. Until ten years of age, he lived at Carlton, when the family moved to Shaw's Landing, near Meadville, Crawford County, Pa., where they remained three years. The lad then returned to Carlton, and remained there until he attained to his majority, attending school, and working on the farm. At school he was a very apt pupil, and seemed to be a born leader, organizing and directing all the exercises, the spelling matches and the singing schools. He was specially fond of hunting and skating and played ball whenever he found an opportunity. Developing a desire for more studies, he attended Bryant, Stratton & Smith's Business College at Meadville, Pa., where as president of his class he graduated with high honors in 1892. He then went to Volant College at Volant, Pa., where again as president of his class he graduated in 1898. He then attended Grove City College, Grove City, Pa., a number of terms, and taught there as Principal of the Business Department. From this institution he received the degree of B. S., and also taught in the public schools there for three years. This position was a difficult one, because for years the boys were belligerent, and no teacher could control them, until Mr. Pittinger was placed in charge. He knew how to master the boys and to win their confidence and respect, and when after three years he left for wider fields, these same boys joined with the board and people of the community in urging him to remain. He then went to Kennerdell, Pa., to enter the employ of H. T. Newmaker & Son, whom he served faithfully as bookkeeper and business manager for two years. At the expiration of these two years, he entered the oil field as bookkeeper for Mr. Pew of Pittsburg, and three years later was promoted to the management of the branch office at Marcus Hook, eighteen miles south of Philadelphia. He remained there three years more, until November, 1906, when he came to Robinson to take charge of the Sun Company, a progressive oil corporation, where he has since remained.

July 21, 1897, Mr. Pittinger was married at Robinson's Mills, Wetzel County, W. Va., to Mary L. Dunkle, daughter of W. S. and Margaret Dunkle, both of Pennsylvania-Dutch stock. The mother is dead, but the father still survives. One child has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Pittinger, Margaret Amelia, born May 11, 1905.

Mr. Pittinger is a prominent Mason, belonging to Pittsburg Lodge No. 484, to Chester Chapter No. 258, and Chester Commandery No. 66. He is a Presbyterian, and not only was prominent in church work in Chester, Pa., but also in the First Presbyterian Church of Robinson, Ill., one of the largest churches of Crawford County, and has been elder in each. He also held the position of Superintendent of the Sunday School at Chester and Robinson, and was one of the men to organize the Union Sabbath Association at Robinson. The Pittinger home on West Walnut Street, Robinson, is one of the most delightful in the city. Mr. Pittinger is a man who has never sought influence or advancement politically, but is happiest when his business duties are discharged, to work for his church and for the good of humanity.

POSTLEWAITE, Alva Stiles.—The blood that flowed in the veins of the French Huguenots has been transmitted to some of the very best of our American people of to-day. Driven from their native land by religious persecution, they sought refuge in a country where they would be free to work out their own destiny, and worship according to the dictates of their own conscience. The Postlewaite family dates back to a French Huguenot by that name, who came to this country with a number of others in the seventeenth century. Alva Stiles Postlewaite, of La Motte

Township, Crawford County, is also descended from an illustrious family which dates back to the grandmother of Joel Ferree, who was the father of the grandmother of Alva Stiles Postlewaite. She was a widow who fled from France to Germany and came to America on the same ship as William Penn. She had made the acquaintance of William Penn in Germany and was introduced by him to Queen Anne of Germany, who kept her in her train during the six months she was in that country. The widow was given a grant of land by William Penn of 1,000 acres in Lancaster County, Pa. Her descendants lived in Lancaster County for several generations but later removed to Sullivan County, Ind.

Alva Stiles Postlewaite was born in Montgomery Township, Crawford County, Ill., February 25, 1862, a son of James Leath and Amanda J. (Stiles) Postlewaite, the former born in Sullivan County, Ind., May 21, 1821, and the latter in Montgomery Township, Crawford County. She was a daughter of Alva and Hannah (Brown) Stiles, both from New York State. The parents were married October 25, 1860, and they had the following children: Alva Stiles; Mary M., born November 1, 1864; James J., born December 21, 1867; Electa A., born November 19, 1870; and twins, George W. F. and Martha G. F., born December 12, 1873. By a former marriage, James L. Postlewaite had two children, Rachel Jane, born April 18, 1857, and John William, born February 8, 1860. His first marriage occurred October 12, 1854, to Mary Edgington, daughter of William Edgington of Montgomery Township.

James L. Postlewaite came to Montgomery Township, Crawford County, in 1852, from Sullivan County, Ind. For a number of years he taught school in the township, and for sixteen years was Justice of the Peace. His father, Isaac Postlewaite, was born in Lancaster, Pa. When a boy he went to West Virginia, from there to Kentucky, and then to Sullivan County, Ind., where he married Anna Ferree, a daughter of Joel Ferree, and born in that county. Isaac Postlewaite died October 3, 1857, and his wife died November 3d, of the same year, both passing away in Sullivan County, Ind. James L. Postlewaite died January 12, 1891, in Montgomery Township, Crawford County.

Alva Stiles Postlewaite attended the district school until he was twenty-one, and at the same time assisted his father on the farm. On February 27, 1883, he was married in La Motte Township, by the Rev. Massey, the Methodist clergyman of the township, to Sarah E. Fulling, a daughter of Henry Fulling, Sr., and Samina (McColpin) Fulling. Mr. and Mrs. Postlewaite have had the following children: Edith M., born March 12, 1884, married H. E. Richards, son of James Richards of Palestine, and they have these children,—Claude Eugene, born September 18, 1905, Paul Ethelbert, born August 31, 1907, an infant daughter born October 27, 1908, and they live in Palestine; Henry Leath, born August 25, 1891, and a son and daughter who died in infancy.

Mrs. Postlewaite was the third of six children, four of whom are living: John; Mary, wife of Alonzo Wesner; Mrs. Postlewaite, and Henry; Annie and Fannie (twins), who are deceased. Her father, Henry Fulling, came from Germany to the United States in 1840, when sixteen years old, first locating at Terre Haute, Ind., whence he removed to Palestine, Crawford County. In 1849 he married Samina McColpin, who was born in Crawford County, August 24, 1826, her parents being among the earliest settlers of Crawford County. Mrs. Fulling died February 5, 1905, but Mr. Fulling is still living in La Motte Township, aged eighty-four years. He has always pursued the occupation of farming, in which he has been very successful. He has about 600 acres in his own name and a third interest in the property of his sons.

Mr. Postlewaite's farm of 120 acres, situated on Section 17, La Motte Township, is known as the "Richwood Farm," and he makes a specialty of raising Percheron registered horses, hogs and Shropshire sheep, feeding sometimes as many as 100 sheep. Besides this he owns 80 acres in Montgomery Township. He has been breeding horses for the past twenty-five years and ships to Eastern markets. In politics he is a Democrat, and fraternally belongs to the Knights of Pythias and Modern Woodmen. Since he was seventeen, Mr. Postlewaite has been a member of the Christian Church, and his wife has belonged to it for the past thirteen years.

PRICE, Cyrus Edgar, M. D.—Possessed of that subtle something that goes so far towards making the man of medicine a friend as well as a doctor, Cyrus Edgar Price, M. D., of Robinson, Crawford County, is a man widely and favorably known. He was born in Westfield, Clark County, Ill., July 26, 1869, a son of James C. and Sarah J. (Smith) Price. James C. Price was also a physician, born in Kentucky, while the mother was a daughter of Robert Smith of Palestine, Ill. Dr. Price, Sr., served in Company K, One Hundred and Thirtieth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil War, and there contracted a disability which resulted in his death when the son, Cyrus Edgar, was but eighteen months old. In 1877 his mother married Dr. C. Barlow of Robinson, and the boy was reared by his step-father whom he loved very tenderly.

Naturally the lad's mind was turned toward the medical profession, and after he completed a common school course, he entered Eureka College at Eureka, Ill., and after finishing his course there, went to Chicago and entered Rush Medical College, from which he was graduated in the spring of 1893. Beginning the practice of his profession at Eaton, Crawford County, he remained there fourteen years, and was very successful, but grew to feel that, although he had many friends and a good practice, he needed a wider field. So in July, 1908, he removed to Robinson, where he is meeting with success. Dr. Price is a member of the Crawford County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Association, the American Medical Association and

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the Æsculapian Medical Society of the Wabash Valley. He is a Mason, having become a member two years ago. His religious affiliations are with the Christian Church, which he joined eight years ago. In politics he is a Democrat.

Dr. Price was married October 12, 1895, at Streator, Ill., to Harriet J. Galloway, who was born at Chenoa, Ill., a daughter of David and America Galloway, pioneer settlers of Streator. She had graduated from the high school of Streator, and had been a teacher in the public schools for six years prior to her marriage. The following children have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Price: Harold Edgar, born July 20, 1896; Helen Marjorie, born September 15, 1898; Robert Smith, born May 20, 1902; Charles Donald, born May 10, 1904, and Harriet Virginia, born April 20, 1907. Dr. Price is becoming as popular in Robinson as he was at Eaton, and his wife is gathering around her a charming circle of friends, so that the Price home is a center of delightful hospitality.

PRICE, Thomas L., a man who has occupied positions of responsibility and trust in Robinson, Ill., was born in Crawford County, Ill., May 1, 1850, a son of James D. and Mary E. (Smith) Price, was brought up on a farm and educated, first, in the common schools, later attending Westfield College for seven months and the Indiana State Normal School at Terre Haute for three years. After graduating from the latter in 1873, for five years he was engaged in teaching and was then appointed Deputy County Clerk under Mr. Reavill. He occupied this office only one year, when he bought an interest in the "Constitution" newspaper. In August of the following year he sold this interest, and was appointed to fill out for the remainder of the year the vacancy in the County Clerk's office caused by the death of Mr. Reavill, being duly elected County Clerk in November following. In 1882 he was again elected to the same office. Mr. Price married December 17, 1879, in Palestine, Ill., Fannie B. Haskett, born in Crawford County, November 19, 1859, and two children were born to them: Ralph W. and Harry H. Mr. Price is a member of Robinson Lodge, No. 250, A. F. & A. M., and of Crawford Lodge I. O. O. F. The father of Thomas L. Price, James D., was born in Calloway County, Ky., in 1806, but moved to Illinois in 1829, settling first in Palestine, but later locating northwest of Robinson, where he died November 22, 1873. His first wife was a Miss Caldwell, while his second wife was Mrs. Mary E. Smith, widow of Guy W. Smith, an early settler of Crawford County, born March 13, 1821. There were two children by the first marriage, and eight by the second.

PURCELL, John William, whose excellent tract of 140 acres of farming land is situated in Section 30, Honey Creek Township, Crawford County, Ill., is not only an energetic and enterprising agriculturist, but has taken a prominent part in township affairs. Mr. Purcell was born September 12, 1857, in Lawrence County, Ill., a son of William J. Purcell, who came to Crawford County, Ill., from Sullivan County, Ind., his father having entered some government land which he cleared from the wilderness. He attended the public schools of this locality, and was married in Lawrence County to Elizabeth Shelton, a native of that county. Two sons were born of this union: John William and James Jefferson, the latter of whom is deceased. Some time after his marriage, William J. Purcell returned to Crawford County, where he rented land for a time, and purchased several small tracts. In addition to farming for some years, he operated a grist and saw-mill in Lawrence County. As a soldier during the Civil War he served bravely and faithfully for about one year, and afterwards became a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. In political matters he was a life-long Democrat. His death occurred in 1902, his wife having died in 1860.

John William Purcell attended the public schools of Honey Creek Township, and, until his marriage in 1879, assisted his father on the home place. For some time after his marriage he moved from one place to another in search of a suitable location, and in 1889 purchased his present place, starting with 40 acres, but has since increased his holdings to 140 acres of very desirable land. He has made many improvements on his place, carries on general farming and stock-raising, and in addition has operated a saw-mill and threshing machine from Vincennes to Palestine and throughout the surrounding country. In political matters he is a Democrat, on that party's ticket was elected to the office of Justice of the Peace and is now serving his second term, besides being a member of the School Board. Prior to adopting his present views, however, Mr. Purcell was a Republican, and while a member of that party served one term as Highway Commissioner. He is a member of the Woodmen at Hardinville, No. 4697, and his religious associations are with the Christian Church.

In 1879 Mr. Purcell was married to Samantha A. VanWinkle, born in Honey Creek Township, the second child of William L. VanWinkle, a sketch of whose life will be found on another page of this work. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Purcell, namely: Fred M., James Arthur, Grace, Fannie, Mary, and two who died in infancy—all born in Honey Creek Township.

RAFFERTY, Theodore Newell, M. D.—None of the learned professions require so much preparation, or such exhaustive study afterwards, as that of medicine. The physician of today must needs be not only intelligent, well-educated, skillful, well-trained, possessing wide experience and profound knowledge, but he must keep on studying to breast the advance in scientific discoveries. Dr. Theodore Newell Rafferty is one of the successful physicians of Crawford County, pleasantly located at Robinson, where he has resided since 1883. He was born in Springville, Lawrence County, Ind., January 12, 1846, a son of Mitchell Crooke and Mary Shore (Benedict)

Rafferty, the father born in Kentucky, April 17, 1817, and the mother at Nicholasville, that State, March 14, 1824.

Dr. Rafferty attended the common schools, the Indiana University at Bloomington, and then clerked for his father who was a merchant. Later he taught school for three years. In 1867 he entered the medical department of the University of Michigan, and from there went to the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, from which he was graduated in the Class of 1869. Immediately thereafter, Dr. Rafferty located at Palestine, Ill., and there continued until 1883, when he settled in Robinson, and has remained there in active practice ever since. Dr. Rafferty belongs to the following medical societies: Crawford County Medical Society, the Æsculapian Medical Society of the Wabash Valley, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Honor, the Modern Woodmen of America and Knights of Pythias. In politics he is a Republican, but has never accepted public office.

On October 7, 1872, Dr. Rafferty was married in Palestine to Sadie E. Donnell, born in Palestine March 12, 1849, daughter of Dennis and Eliza (Netherton) Donnell. Mr. Donnell was one of the pioneers of Crawford County. Dr. and Mrs. Rafferty have had children as follows: Pearl R., born December 8, 1873; Herbert N., born September 18, 1878, in partnership with his father and a very popular young physician; Glenn A., born February 28, 1880, is a dentist of Robinson.

RAINS, LaFayette (deceased), formerly a farmer and stockman of Hutsonville Township, was born in Crawford County, September 26, 1833, son of Ambrose B. and Charlotte (Cox) Rains. When seventeen, after a boyhood spent on the farm, LaFayette Rains went to California, but after sixteen months he returned home and began farming, buying a farm of 80 acres in 1854. In 1858 he sold this farm and bought 80 acres where he resided for many years, in time becoming the owner of 546 acres, which was well stocked and provided with a large residence and barn. In 1872 he began raising stock, and made a specialty of that business. In January, 1856, he married Nancy Cox, a native of Crawford County, and daughter of Thomas and Deborah Cox. Mr. and Mrs. Rains became the parents of four children: John C., Martha, Mary A. and Emily. Both Mr. Rains and his wife belonged to the Baptist Church, while fraternally he was a Mason and in politics was a Republican.

RANDOLPH, Levi Holliday.—In every community in Crawford County there are some men who have attained prominence above the ordinary class in nearly every line of business life. Among those who are worthy of notice among the prosperous farmers of this county is Levi Holliday Randolph, of Robinson Township, who was born in Perry County, Ohio, December 10, 1868, a son of William and Nancy (Reinhardt) Randolph. The father was also born in Perry County, Ohio, and the mother in Pennsylvania.

William Randolph and wife had children as follows: Hannah Theresa, born in Perry County, Ohio, January 5, 1851, married Andrew Stantz, a farmer of Crawford County, Ill., November 14, 1872, and they have two sons and five daughters; Thomas Creighton, born in Perry County, Ohio, July 6, 1854, and married Catherine Headley, who died in 1885, leaving four children, after which he married Sarah Dart, daughter of Chauncey and Amanda Dart, and they have six daughters and twin sons. But only of four of the girls are living; Laura Estella, born in Perry County, Ohio, February 3, 1859, married William A. Alexander, June 29, 1879, and they had two daughters living and one deceased; Vastie, born in Perry County, Ohio, October 18, 1861, married Dorsey G. Walters, September 28, 1879, and they live at Oblong, Ill., and have three daughters and four sons: Clara, born in Ohio, March 1, 1863, married Wallace Eaton, October 8, 1883, and he died in the summer of 1908, leaving three daughters and five sons; William Howard, born June 24, 1866, married Cora Price, July 8, 1889, and they have two sons and two daughters; and Levi H., the subject of this sketch.

Levi Holliday Randolph attended the Grassy District School during the winter until he was twenty-one, and engaged in farming during the summer months. On September 4, 1890, Mr. Randolph was married in Robinson Township by the Rev. Fields, pastor of the Methodist Church, to Amanda Jane Sankey, daughter of Morton and Mary (Beam) Sankey. Mrs. Randolph was born in Sullivan County, Ind., November 12, 1867. Mr. Morton Sankey was a farmer of Sullivan County, Ind. Mr. and Mrs. Randolph have a son, Carlton Oriel, born January 18, 1902. In politics Mr. Randolp is a Republican, and has been a member of the Methodist Church for about nine years, while his wife joined the same church some sixteen years ago, prior to that time being a member of the Union Baptist Church, which she joined at the age of seventeen. Mr. Randolph owns 64 acres of excellent farming land, and has a commodious residence of nine rooms. There are nine oil producing wells on his property, and he is preparing to drill for more.

Mr. Morton Sankey, the father of Mrs. Randolph was born August 1, 1837, in Sullivan County, Ind., while his wife was born near Springfield, Ill., May 1, 1844. Mr. Sankey died at Terre Haute, Ind., November 3, 1894, and his wife in what is now Prairie Township, Crawford County, July 18, 1885. For some years Mr. Sankey was employed in the construction of Merom College at Merom, Ind. He and his wife had the following named children: Sarah Amelia, born October 17, 1864, died in 1866; Mary Frances, born March 25, 1866, married Enoch Balyem, died in August 1902, leaving three sons and two daughters; Mrs. Randolph; William Thomas, born February 28, 1871, married Anna Myers of Iowa, and they have two sons and one daughter and live in Longmont, near Denver, Col.; John Lewis, born March 7,

1874, married Carrie Knowles of Fort Lupton, Col.; Jesse Morton, born April 1, 1880, is unmarried and lives in Oklahoma. Jesse was a soldier in the Spanish-American War, enlisting at Terre Haute, Ind., in the Thirty-seventh Regiment, Company M, U. S. Volunteers, in the year 1900, and arrived at Manila, P. I., November 6, of that year, serving two years.

RANDOLPH, William Howard.—The Randolph family is well represented in Crawford County by men of intelligence and prosperity engaged in several lines of business, although the majority of them are associated with farming and oil interests. They are men of integrity and strictest probity, who have attained their present positions through industry, thrift and perseverance. William Howard Randolph is one of the members of this family, who is the owner of a fine farm of 80 acres on Section 14, in Oblong Township. He was born in Perry County, Ohio, June 24, 1866, a son of William and Nancy (Rinehart) Randolph, both now deceased. William Randolph, also a native of Perry County, Ohio, born October 28, 1827, died in Crawford County, Ill., December 25, 1899, aged seventy-two years, two months and seventeen days.

On March 14, 1850, William Randolph married Nancy Rinehart, and they had seven children, all born in Perry County, Ohio: Theresa, born January 5, 1851, married Andrew Stentz, a farmer of Crawford County, November 14, 1872, and they have two sons and five daughters; Thomas Creighton, born July 6, 1854, married Catherine Headley, who died in 1885, leaving four children, later married Sarah Dart, daughter of Chauncey and Amanda Dart, and they have six daughters and twin sons, only four of the daughters now living; Laura Estella, born February 3, 1859, married William A. Alexander, June 29, 1879, and they have two daughters living and one son dead; Vashti, born October 18, 1861, married Dorsey G. Walters, September 28, 1879, and they live at Oblong, having three daughters and four sons; Clara, born March 1, 1863, married Wallace Eaton, October 8, 1883, and died in the summer of 1908, leaving three daughters and five sons: William Howard, the subject of this sketch, and Levi Holliday, born December 10, 1866, married, September 4, 1890, Amanda Jane Sankey, daughter of Morton and Mary (Beam) Sankey, and they have one son, Carlton Oriel, and live in Robinson Township.

When only twenty years old William Randolph became a member of the Methodist Church of which he was Steward in the Prairie Chapel Church for sixteen years. His funeral was conducted by the Rev. Turner of the Methodist Church, his remains being tenderly laid to rest in the cemetery adjoining his church. He was one of the best men the township has ever known and his loss will long be felt. In church, in business, and most of all, in his home, he was true-hearted, generous and kind, winning friends and making few, if any, enemies. Mrs. Nancy (Rinehart) Randolph was born in Pennsylvania February 10, 1832, and died October 27, 1902, when in her seventieth year. For over fifty years she was a consistent member of the Methodist Church. Her funeral was also conducted in Prairie Chapel, and the Rev. Mr. Neil of Oblong delivered the funeral address. Too much cannot be said of this gentle Christian woman, whose every thought was uplifting and who spent her life in loving service for others. She was laid to rest by the side of her husband.

When William Howard Randolph was four years old the family came to Crawford County, Ill., in a wagon, and he was educated in the district school of Oblong Township until he was twenty-one. On July 8, 1888, he married Cora E. Price, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Ikemier) Price, both from Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Randolph have had the following children: Pearl Nell, born April 13, 1889, married Winfield Young, an oil producer from Salina, Ohio, no issue; Hosea, born March 28, 1891; Ralph, born July 9, 1893, and Mildred, born December 30, 1900. Mr. Randolph is a Republican, and fraternally belongs to the Modern Woodmen and the Court of Honor. Both he and his wife have been members of the Methodist Church for ten years and take a deep interest in its good work. They have a very pleasant home and welcome their many friends to it with cordial hospitality.

REAVILL, A. J. (deceased), formerly a farmer of Montgomery Township, was born December 24, 1834, in Montgomery Township. The grandfather Reavill was born in France, but emigrated to this country where he married a Miss Crow. They had a son, David, born in Delaware in 1782, who came to Illinois in 1810, settling in Kaskaskia which was then the capital of the Territory. In 1812 he went to Vincennes, Ind., and became a tanner, there. He married Ann Montgomery, born in South Carolina, September 12, 1792, and she became the mother of nine children. A. J. Reavill was educated in Crawford County, where he married December 13, 1856, Martha A. Seaney, born October 9, 1835, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Attaway) Seaney. Mr. and Mrs. Reavill had nine children: Sarah J., William, John D., Almira, Charles McClellan, David A., Parmer Seymour, Dora and Edmund H. Mr. Reavill became the owner of a large amount of land, and was a very prominent man. When only twenty-two years of age he was elected Justice of the Peace; he was Township Treasurer, Supervisor and held other offices. In a busines way he also was active, and served as a Director of the Robinson Bank for many years. He was also a Director of the Paris & Danville Railroad, afterwards consolidated with the Wabash. In 1875 he was one of the organizers of the Bishop, Meserve & Co. syndicate, that completed the Paris & Danville road from Hutsonville to Vincennes. Mr. Reavill served two terms as Representative in the General Assembly for the Forty-fifth District (1876-80), and two terms in the State Senate (1886-94). Belonging to the Masonic order, he was connected with Lodge No. 250, Robinson.

REED, Nelson D.—The farming interests of Crawford County are represented by responsible, industrious, thrifty men who know the full value of their property and how to secure the best results out of it. Nelson D. Reed of Oblong Township, is pleasantly located on Section 15, and was born in Honey Creek Township, December 7, 1858, a son of Simon Peter Reed, a retired farmer now living in Mississippi, but born in Pennsylvania, July 23, 1834. The father of Simon Peter Reed, Henry Reed, was a pioneer farmer of Martin Township, also born in Pennsylvania, where he married. By trade he was a merchant tailor. His wife whose maiden name was Katherine Alloway, was also a native of Pennsylvania, and of the large family born to them, Simon Peter Reed was the youngest who grew to manhood. Coming to Crawford County in 1849 he located in Martin Township, at Hardinville, where he entered land, a portion of which he cleared and on it lived until his death in September, 1863.

Simon Peter Reed was educated in the primitive schools of his time and neighborhood, and married in Honey Creek Township Mary Garrard, born in that township, a daughter of Jesse W. Garrard, one of the pioneers of Crawford County. Jesse W. Garrard was one of the sons of John Garrard, who settled near Palestine at an early day. The children born to Simon Peter and wife were: Nelson D., Wilson A., Lilly May (deceased), Charles (deceased), G. P., Katherine, who married Allen Markee of Palestine; and one who died in infancy—all born in Crawford County. Until 1863 Simon Peter Reed rented land near Palestine, and in that year bought 20 acres in Honey Creek Township. About this time he enlisted in the One Hundred and Fifty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, in which he served until the close of the war. Returning home he located on his homestead and lived there until 1876, when he sold this property and bought 80 acres in Oblong Township. Clearing a portion of this, he made some improvements, then moved to Palestine, and having retired from farm life embarked in the butchering business, which he carried on successfully for a number of years. Having finally sold out in February, 1906, he moved to Mississippi, where he is now living retired. He has been a member of the Democratic party ever since he cast his first vote. For a number of years he has been a member of the G. A. R.

Nelson D. Reed remained at home until his marriage, receiving a good common-school education in Honey Creek Township, and later attended the Illinois Normal School at Dixon, Ill., where he took a special course in surveying and civil engineering, and was graduated in that branch. For ten years Mr. Reed taught school in Crawford County, proving himself a most able educator. Later he began to make use of his knowledge as a surveyor, and at the same time farmed, and for sixteen years served as County Surveyor. Becoming proficient in surveying and civil engineering he has devoted his attention to this field exclusively since 1895. He has also served twenty-six years as Township School Trustee. He moved to his present home in October, 1882, buying 40 acres of land, to which he added 40 acres more and now has 80 acres on which he has made all the present improvements. In 1906 oil was discovered on his property and he now has six wells in active operation.

On October 18, 1881, Mr. Reed was married to Rose Martin, born in La Motte Township, a daughter of Harrison Martin, who was born in Crawford County, a son of John Martin. Mr. and Mrs. Reed have one daughter, Nola M., who was born on their present home. Mr. Reed is a Democrat politically and fraternally is a member of the Ben Hur Lodge, at Robinson. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Church, being connected with Leeper Chapel, of which he is one of the Trustees, and has been Superintendent of the Sunday School there for fifteen years. He is an alert, enterprising and progressive man, who makes friends everywhere, and is much esteemed throughout Crawford County.

REINOEHL, Sanford S.—The discovery of oil and gas in Crawford County within the past few years has made an immense difference in the character of industrial and commercial life of that locality. Land that contains these products, naturally is much more valuable than that where none are to be found, and one of those who are profiting by this development is Sanford S. Reinoehl, a farmer and stock-raiser on Section 29, in Honey Creek Township, who has four gas wells on his property. Mr. Reinoehl was born on his present place, December 26, 1855, a son of George H. Reinoehl, who was a pioneer of the Township. The father was born January 31, 1831, in Wayne County, Ohio, where he was reared and educated, and married Eliza J. DuCommon, born in the same county, September 8, 1833. In September, 1853, George H. Reinoehl came to Crawford County, and settled on the family homestead, buying 160 acres of timber land, and devoting his energies to clearing it off. He cultivated the land and put a house and barn upon it, and what he failed to finish, his son, Sanford S., has accomplished.

The only child, Sanford S. Reinoehl, remained with his father until his death, which occurred in May, 1878. The elder Mr. Reinoehl was a Democrat, and very active in his party, serving very acceptably as Highway Commissioner. He was a member of the United Brethren Church. The maternal grandfather, Samuel Ducommon came to Martin Township, Crawford County, where he bought 80 acres of land, cleared it and made his home upon it. His family numbered seven children, of whom the elder Mrs. Reinoehl was the eldest, while two sons attended school at Palestine. The paternal grandfather, Philip Reinoehl also settled in Crawford County, buying property in Honey Creek Township, where his death occurred when he was in his eighty-fourth year.

Sanford S. Reinoehl attended the district school which he left to take a commercial course at Westfield, Ill. At his father's death he took charge of the farm, and has added 96 acres to the

original 160 acres, and here he carries on general farming and stock-raising, having been engaged in these lines all his business life. On July 6, 1876, he was married to Maria E. Parker, who was born in Honey Creek Township, April 23, 1857, a daughter of T. N. Parker, who was a farmer of Honey Creek Township, born in Kentucky and came to Illinois when in boyhood. He was reared in Honey Creek Township, south of Flat Rock, and is the son of Jonathan Parker, who located in the Township about 1816, and here entering land which he placed in an excellent state of cultivation. Mrs. Reinoehl was reared in the same Township and there received her education in the public schools. She was one in a family of twelve children. Mr. and Mrs. Reinoehl have had children as follows: Maude, married Clarence Kaly; Harry L.; Mary L., married Elmer Moore; Emma E., married Frank Powdew; Charles G.; Lottie B.; Addie M., and Wilber L., all born on the present farm. Mary L. taught school for a year in the county schools. In politics Mr. Reinoehl is a Democrat, and like his father has been active in township affairs. He served very acceptably in the positions of Supervisor and Township Clerk. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is also a Mason, belonging to Hardinville Lodge. Energetic, a hard worker and thrifty in his habits, Mr. Reinoehl has added to his possessions, and the results are what was to be expected from a man of his capacity for good work and his ability as a manager.

RICHART, John Calvin.—Those of the present generation cannot fully appreciate the spirit that animated the heroes of the Civil War when they enlisted in the service of their country, or how willingly they risked their lives to preserve the Union. Facing death in some of its most horrible forms, they served bravely, not only for months but years, and yet when the struggle was over they quietly returned home and resumed their occupations. No one was exempt. Fathers enlisted with their sons. The white-haired man stood shoulder to shoulder with the beardless boy, and both were equally brave. Now we have but a few left of the gallant many who once formed the very flower of our country's defenders, but these we honor and respect as we do no other class of men, not only for their bravery as soldiers but also for their ability to return to the life of private citizens after their years of excitement and danger.

John Calvin Richart, of Martin Township, Crawford County, is one of these veterans of Illinois, being born in Owen County, Ind., January 5, 1840, a son of Isaac and Lucy Ann Richart. Isaac Richart was born in Bath County, Ky., October 31, 1804, and died May 26, 1879. His wife was born in Brown County, Ohio, being the youngest of a family of three children. Her father came from Binghamton, N. Y., to Brown County, Ohio. Her death occurred June 6, 1869. Isaac Richart came to Crawford County, Ill., in 1850, at a time when wild game was still plentiful and entered 480 acres of Government land at $1.25 per acre. He made the trip overland through Indiana, and after reaching their destination in Illinois, the family lived in a log house for many years. Isaac Richart and wife had eleven children as follows: Andrew, born November 19, 1831; Henry Clay, born August 15, 1833; William O., born February 17, 1836; Phoebe S., born February 7, 1838; John Calvin, born January 5, 1840; Elias, born August 12, 1842; Daniel Webster, born December 28, 1844; Martha Ann, who died in infancy; Isaac Watts, born in October, 1849; Jonathan, born August 23, 1852; Duncan O., born in August, 1856. Of these, Andrew died February 26, 1888; Henry Clay is living; William O. died in November, 1853; Phoebe S. is living; Elias died May 4, 1855; Daniel Webster is living; Isaac Watts died March 22, 1900; Jonathan is living, and Duncan O. died in March, 1860.

John Calvin Richart attended a subscription school in Crawford County, and continued his education from the age of ten until eighteen, when he taught school for two terms, and then worked on the farm until his majority, when his father gave him 120 acres of land in Crawford County. He was married November 7, 1880, in Martin Township, to Eleanora Stagner, daughter of John J. and Mary Jane (Chaffee) Stagner, natives of Kentucky and Tennessee, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Richart have had these children: Webster, born January 15, 1883; Henry C., born February 5, 1885; Joseph, born November 11, 1888; Alva C., born August 23, 1893. Webster died May 29, 1896, and Henry C. married Lydia Forman, daughter of Shepard and Virginia (Knott) Forman, and they have one son. Mr. Richart is a Republican, and has been a member of the Christian Church for eighteen years, his wife also belonging to the same denomination. They reside on their fine farm of 120 acres on which they have two oil-producing wells. Their home is a comfortable one, and in it they dispense a cordial hospitality.

In April, 1861, Mr. Richart enlisted in Company G, Capt. G. W. Peeks commanding, Twenty-first Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, which saw its first service under Gen. U. S. Grant as Colonel, and participated in many engagements, among which were: Fredericktown, Mo., Perryville, Ky., Murfreesboro, Tenn., Chickamauga, Tenn., and was in Sherman's campaign, marching back to Nashville, and participating in the battle of Franklin, Tenn. The regiment was mustered out in December, 1865, at San Antonio, Texas, and discharged at Camp Butler, Springfield, Ill., January 1, 1866, and Mr. Richart arrived at home January 19, 1866, to resume his farming operations.

RICHEY, John.—The farmers of today are not only landowners, but many are largely interested in other enterprises, sometimes as owners of valuable realty in large cities, occupying official chairs in connection with banks, or as proprietors and operators of commercial houses. Crawford County is the home of many prosperous farmers

whose industry and thrift have placed them among the capitalists and representative men of their neighborhood. Among those who are especially worthy of note in this connection in La Motte Township is John Richey, who was born in County Derry, Ireland, and who between fourteen and fifteen years of age came to America with an older brother and sister. They first went to Cincinnati, but soon after removed to Xenia, Ohio, where the brother rented a farm and John assisted in operating it, meanwhile spending some time in school there.

The brother was only four years John's senior, so he was little more than a boy himself when the three ventured out into the world. The parents, Andrew Richey and wife, Elizabeth, never left their native Ireland, but there died. They had children as follows: Sarah Elizabeth, born in County Derry, Ireland; Margaret, born in the same county, as were the others; Robert, Jane, Samuel, Mary, John and James.

In March, 1864, Mr. Richey enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Ohio National Guard Infantry, known as the Home Guard, in which he served four months, most of the time being spent in Newcot, W. Va., where the regiment was attacked by the Confederates. The service of this regiment was chiefly confined to checking the movements of Gen. Mosby in the South, although they took part in several skirmishes.

In 1868 Mr. Richey came to Crawford County, and bought 225 acres of land in La Motte Township, which at the time of purchase was occupied by John Beach. Although Mr. Richey's education was a very limited one, about the only opportunity he had for attending school being while living in Xenia, Ohio, he has made good use of his knowledge and, aided by his native intelligence and wit, has never felt much need of other advantages.

On March 11, 1869, he was married by Rev. William Kane, of the Methodist Church, in La Motte Township, to Sarah Adeline Fox, born in Montgomery Township, January 26, 1840, a daughter of John and Emeline (McGahey) Fox. They have had children as follows: Abbie J., born July 13, 1871, married Edward Beeson, a farmer of La Motte Township, and they have a son; William O., born October 10, 1873, married Lelia Haskett, daughter of Harlan Haskett and Ellen Haskett, they have a son and two daughters, and live in Palestine, Crawford County, where he is bookkeeper in the First National Bank; James C., born April 11, 1876, married Cora Poe of Palestine, they have a daughter and live in Palestine where he is in the employ of the Richey & Richey hardware store; Fred F., born September 24, 1878, married Bessie M. Kitchell, a daughter of John and Rachel (Wilson) Kitchell, of Palestine, and they have one son; David A., born October 12, 1881, is unmarried and lives in Sierra Madre, Cal.

Mr. Richey has been extremely successful. Coming to America a raw, uneducated lad of fourteen, he has accumulated a fortune, and at one time owned 1223 acres of as good land as can be found in this part of the State. He has given 305 acres to his daughter, Mrs. Beeson, 272 acres to his son William, and 420 acres in Hutsonville Township to James C. and David A., and the home place of 225 acres to Fred F. In addition to these valuable holdings, Mr. Richey is one of the proprietors of the Palestine hardware store operated under the name of Richey & Richey. In politics Mr. Richey is a Republican, and although he takes an active interest in public affairs, he has not desired public office. For forty years he has been a member of the United Presbyterian Church, in which for the past thirty years he has been an elder, and is one of the church's largest contributors. Genial, kind-hearted, a good friend, an indulgent husband and father, Mr. Richey has endeared himself not only to his immediate family, but also to a large circle of appreciative friends throughout the entire county. No record of Crawford County would be complete without extended notice of this representative and successful man, John Richey.

ROBB, Judge Franklin, attorney-at-law, was born in Gibson County, Ind., February 15, 1817, and when he was sixteen his parents moved to Laporte, Ind. He attended Wabash College at Crawfordsville for five years, and was graduated from the classical department of that institution in 1840. Mr. Robb then studied law with Judge Embree, and was admitted to the bar in 1842. For a short time he practiced law at Princeton, but became interested in medicine and studied it for three years and attended lectures at Louisville, Ky., and at Cincinnati. In 1845 he located in Robinson, where he engaged in the practice of medicine, but was forced to abandon it on account of his health, when he resumed his law practice, and at the time of his death was a well-known man throughout the county. He was a Republican and held many offices, including those of County Superintendent of Schools, Justice of the Peace, member of the School Board, etc. In 1879 he was elected County Judge, and served one term, but declined a second nomination. He was married June 13, 1844, to Martha J. E. Ing, daughter of Thomas Ing.

ROUSCH, William Tilden.—One of the most progressive and up-to-date farmers and stock-raisers of Crawford County is William Tilden Rousch, of La Motte Township, Ill., who has probably one of the best stocked and furnished farms in Illinois. Not only does he understand thoroughly every detail of the work and how to do it most expeditiously and economically, but he has all the necessary machinery that modern invention affords. Mr. Rousch was born near Dayton, Ohio, January 8, 1862, a son of John Peter Rousch, who was born in Germany, but came to Johnstown, Pa., about 1845, and from there to Dayton, Ohio, about 1858. He married Rosena Wildt, and they had children as follows: Maggie, William T., Barbara, Mary, Peter, Emma, and Flora, all except the subject of this sketch being deceased. The mother died in La Motte

Township, June 11, 1882, while the father survives, and is a resident of Terre Haute, Ind. He is about seventy-three and is living retired from active life. He married a second time and by that marriage has one son, John Peter, Jr.

William T. Rousch attended the district school in La Motte Township, and after attaining his majority operated a threshing machine for about three years, and then purchased about 100 acres of land. To this he added another 100 acres, then 20, then 40, until he now owns 260 acres of excellent land, the greater portion of which is under cultivation except four acres of timber. His modern residence is one of the most fully equipped farmhouses in the County. In addition to his other property he owns 480 acres of heavily timbered land in Hazen Township, Prairie County, Ark. His farm is fully equipped for every requirement of farm life. He has three large barns, a gasoline engine of three-horse power for pumping water and a twenty-horse power steam engine for baling hay, a sawmill, a shredder for fodder, a hay baler and a corn crusher. Recently wells have been drilled on the farm to supply the city of Robinson with water. The wells are partially completed and the line is piped to the city. In 1908 he shipped eighteen head of Polangus and Shorthorn cattle and sold the shipment for $1,645. He has a Polangus bull that weighs about 1.800 pounds. Mr. Rousch keeps about fifteen head of horses all the time. His shipments are made in car-load lots. For fourteen years he has been in the business of shipping to Eastern markets, and his profits are large, for the quality of his product is generally recognized and his stock commands highest prices everywhere.

On February 10, 1888, Mr. Rousch married Salena Newlin, a daughter of Elias and Elizabeth (Holmes) Newlin. Mr. and Mrs. Rousch have had children as follows: Elsie Elizabeth, born September 7, 1889; Usher Eugene, born October 13, 1891; Minnie Aubery, born April 16, 1894; Charles William, born March 4, 1896; Berl Emilo, born October 2, 1900. Mr. Rousch is a Democrat in political faith.

RUDDELL, Henry Thomas.—Every branch of commercial and industrial activity offers certain inducements to enterprising men who realize the opportunity for attaining success. Of late years the business of furnishing hotels and restaurants with dairy supplies has grown to large proportions, and engaged the attention and efforts of some of the best farmers in Crawford County. The profits from such a line of business are larger than those derived from ordinary farming, and Henry Thomas Ruddell, of Robinson Township, is one of the men thus occupied. He was born in this township January 17, 1864, and there attended district school until he commenced farming.

In September, 1886, Mr. Ruddell married Katie Shaw, a daughter of Benjamin and Ann (Oxford) Shaw, natives of England and West Virginia, respectively, and they have become the parents of the following children: Karl, born July 19, 1887; Keith, born October 5, 1890; Ralph, born August 5, 1893; and David, born September 10, 1895.

Mr. Ruddell owns 192 acres of excellent farming land, and has a commodious residence, in which a pleasant hospitality is dispensed; is a Democrat in political faith and for some years has served on the School Board and is interested in educational matters. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

SCHMIDT, Gustave Francis, M. D.—Like many others, the medical profession has made greater progress in the last twenty years than in several centuries prior to the beginning of the nineteenth, and a practitioner at the present time must be better equipped by far than those of a decade or so ago, if he would succeed in his chosen profession. Among the well-known physicians of Crawford County, Ill., is Gustave Francis Schmidt, who, although the best of his life is still before him, is thoroughly abreast of the times and his calling. He was born in New York City, March 11, 1878, a son of Gustave Frederick and Mary (Krupp) Schmidt. Gustave Frederick Schmidt was born in Germany, January 22, 1857, and as a young man came to America and located in New York City, where he is now engaged in the construction of large buildings, having a wide reputation in his line. Mrs. Schmidt, also of German ancestry, was born at Akron, Ohio, January 25, 1856.

Gustave Francis Schmidt received a liberal education, beginning his training in the public schools, later attending the high school, and subsequently entering Bellevue University, where he studied for three years. Deciding upon the medical profession as his life work, he went to Chicago, where he took the full course of study at the Illinois College of Medicine, from which he received his diploma. He then attended Columbia Hospital, New York City, for three years, and for eight months was House Surgeon of Flushing Hospital. Choosing the town of Robinson, Ill., as his field of practice, he there opened a well-appointed office on the south side of the Public Square. He met with almost instantaneous success, and has since won the confidence and esteem of the community generally.

On January 26, 1906, Dr. Schmidt was married at Newark, Ohio, to Miss Elizabeth Butler, who was born at Newark, November 20, 1881. One child has been born to this union, Gustave William, born February 25, 1907. The doctor's religious belief is that of the Lutheran Church. In political matters he is a Republican, and fraternally is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Aerie Physician of the Order of Eagles, is Vice-Royal Fellow in the Beechonan Medical Society of New York, and is Medical Examiner for a number of insurance companies and secret societies. Dr. Schmidt can claim military connection by his family, as an uncle on his mother's side was a General of Volunteers and served with distinction throughout the Civil War.

SEANEY, Samuel.—Pioneer life in Illinois has developed in many men what was best in character and made them sturdy, strong to work and endure, and upright in their dealings. One of the names intimately associated with the pioneer history of Montgomery Township, Crawford County, is that of Seaney, and one of its oldest living representatives is Samuel Seaney of Section 33, who was born in the locality where he now resides, October 22, 1824.

The father, also Samuel, was a native of North Carolina, who started west with his family during the War of 1812. For a time they remained in a fort in Wayne County, Ind., and there Samuel, the elder, worked at farming, but eventually the little family resumed their westward trip in a wagon, and in 1814 settled in Montgomery Township. There the father entered 40 acres of Government land, on which he remained until his death. He married in North Carolina, Catherine Wishon, who was born, reared and educated in her native State and at the age of twenty-two years was married. The children born to Samuel Seaney and wife were: Polly, Susan, Minta, Lucy, John (born in 1812), Margaretta, Honor, Catherine, Matilda, Samuel and Nimrod.

Subscription schools were the only ones in Crawford County when the younger Samuel Seaney was educated, and which he attended while helping his father until he was twenty-three years old, when he was married to Cinderilla Kamplam, daughter of Willliam Kamplam, who was a farmer. Her mother was Mrs. Clemana Kamplam, her parents being natives of Indiana and Massachusetts, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Seaney have had children as follows: Alvin, Leander, Patrick Henry, John Franklin, Herman, Charles, Thomas Marling, David Bruce, Andrew Jackson, Arena Flora, and Nancy Ellen.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Seaney settled on rented land, which Mr. Seaney farmed for a year. Having entered 40 acres of land he then built a log house on the farm which he now owns; later bought 80 acres, and kept adding to his holdings until at one time he owned 340 acres. The property was all covered with timber, but he cleared off the land, placed it under cultivation and made improvements upon it, transforming it into one of the most valuable farming properties in the county. All of the children except Alvin were born on the homestead. Mr. Seaney is a Democrat and has nine sons who vote as he does. He takes an active interest in educational matters, and for a number of years was School Director and Trustee for the district in which he resides. He has been a member of the Christian Church for sixty years. Advanced in years, he is well preserved, and retains an excellent memory regarding the various changes he has witnessed, many of which he has been instrumental in making.

SEARS, Elinor M.—One of the representative women of Crawford County, and one who has seen many of the changes which have taken place in its development, especially those connected with the discovery of oil, was born March 28, 1858, in Bluffton, Wells County, Ind., a daughter of Hethcoate and Annie Jane (Clark) Connett, the former of whom was born in Stark County, Ohio, May 17, 1817, and the latter was born in May 17, 1820. They were married June 24, 1838, and had children as follows: Jo, born June 11, 1839; Amos, born July 4, 1841, and died when two years old; Isaac, born August 3, 1843, died some fifteen years ago, leaving five boys and five girls, his wife dying many years before him; Temperance, born September 26, 1845, died about forty-two years ago, after attaining to womanhood; Rachel, born October 1, 1848, reared a family, and died in 1907 in Palestine, Ill.; Ruth, born November 6, 1850, died April 7, 1909, leaving a husband and several children; Julia Ann, born November 20, 1852, lives near Springfield, Mo.; Woodrough, born March 8, 1855, was accidentally shot and killed by a boy friend when he was about eighteen; Mrs. Sears; J. F., born June 14, 1862, and lives in Oblong Township.

While living in Ohio, Mr. Connett worked in a stone quarry, but after coming to Illinois, engaged in farming. Arriving in Crawford County, he located on a farm four miles south of Robinson, near Hebron, and there he and his wife spent the remainder of their days.

Mrs. Sears was reared by good, Christian parents, and when only sixteen years of age was converted and joined the Methodist Church, since which time she has been one of its most earnest members. On December 5, 1874, she married Emanuel Miller, and made him a devoted wife for thirty-one years. While Mr. and Mrs. Miller had no children themselves, they reared an orphan nephew and niece, and their home was always open to the unfortunate and needy. On December 30, 1906, Mrs. Miller married Henry O. Sears, and they live in Robinson, having moved to the city on November 15, 1908. Mr. Sears is a Republican in politics.

Mrs. Sears owns a very valuable farm of 60 acres in Oblong Township, on which have been opened up sixteen wells. The discovery of oil on the property has greatly enhanced its value and made Mr. and Mrs. Sears very wealthy. Mrs. Sears is one of the most highly respected women of her community, always ready to do a neighbor a kindness and to give liberally of her means to help others. She is devoted to her family and her church connections, and is a powerful influence for good with those who know her.

SEARS, Henry O.—The farming activity shown in Crawford County has been stimulated by the discovery of oil in this region and the consequent doubling of values. Among the prosperous farmers and stockmen of Oblong Township, Crawford County, Henry O. Sears takes a prominent place. He was born in Henry County, Ind., December 27, 1854, a son of Harrison S., who was born in Pennsylvania, and was a blacksmith by trade. He married Sarah Byrket, a daughter of David Byrket, a farmer of Pennsylvania.

Harrison Sears had come to Indiana when a boy, with his father, locating near Ogden, that State, where both parents died. They had children as follows: Elizabeth Ellen, Solomon (deceased), Henry O., Sarah Olive, Harrison Elmer and Alice.

During the Civil War, Harrison Sears enlisted in the Fifth Cavalry, Company F, Captain J. H. Wood commanding. Mr. Sears was honorably discharged in the vicinity of Vicksburg, and ordered back to Springfield to be mustered out. Returning from the war, he settled in Martin Township, where he bought 160 acres of land, which he improved, and established a reputation as a farmer as good as that he had won as a soldier.

Henry O. Sears has been married twice, his first wife having been Sophronia King, a daughter of William King, a farmer of Crawford County, where the marriage occurred. Three children were born of this marriage, two of whom died in infancy, the other being William J. Mr. Sears married in 1897 Elinor Connett, daughter of H. C. Connett, a farmer of Crawford County. The early education of Mr. Sears was somewhat meager, but he has added to it by observation and reading, until he now ranks as a well informed citizen. When twenty-one years old he bought 24 acres of land from his brother, and later bought the adjoining 120 acres, where he resided until the death of his first wife. Mr. Sears now owns a fine 100-acre farm, which he and his sons manage together. The first oil discovery was made on the property of Mrs. Elinor M. Sears in 1896, and she now has sixteen wells in active operation. In politics Mr. Sears is a Republican and in religious faith a Methodist. Mr. Sears is a man who took advantage of the best available schooling, has shown good judgment and high purpose in life, and while his years have been those of hard work, his diligence and perseverance have resulted in ultimate and well deserved success.

SEED, Elias William.—Material possessions are very well in their place, but they should not be permitted to usurp the place of the more important things of life. Character, truth, honor, justice, love, faith, righteousness, good deeds—there are the things of real worth, besides which the value of the world's wealth fades into insignificance. The trouble with this age is that it places too much emphasis on externals. These should not be despised, nor should they be unduly exalted. They are but the incidents of life, not the essentials. The need of the hour is to get things in right proportion again, to cease permitting the material to crowd out the spiritual.

Elias William Seed, minister of the Methodist Church, and a farmer and stock-raiser of Section 17, Honey Creek Township, Crawford County, was born in Lawrence County, Ill., October 5, 1843, a son of John Seed, deceased, who was a farmer of Lawrence County, Ill., but born in Ireland, where he was reared, coming to the United States after attaining to maturity. He joined an uncle in Kentucky, but after a short stay there proceeded up the Wabash by steamer to Lawrenceville, where he bought a farm of 160 acres and cleared it off. He was married in Crawford County to Emily (Cullom) Taylor, a widow who, by her earlier marriage, had two children: John Edward, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the Northern Illinois Conference, and one who died in infancy. Mr. John Seed and wife had the following children: one who died in infancy; Elias William; Essie Anna, deceased; Mary E.; Henry Shepherd; George A., a minister of the Methodist Church; Emily Jane, deceased; and Francis, deceased, all born in Lawrence County. For several years after his marriage, John Seed conducted a store in Lawrenceville, having brought his father and mother from Ireland, and placed them on his farm. He was a minister of the Methodist Church, and organized the first Methodist Church in Lawrenceville. He also farmed extensively, and owned at one time 1,000 acres of land. His parents passed the remainder of their lives on his first farm, and died happy and contented, surrounded by comforts their earlier years had never known. During the war Mr. Seed was a member of the Union League, and when he died in 1872, was mourned by hundreds to whom he had ministered, and to whom he had set a beautiful example.

Elias William Seed received a common school education in Lawrence County, and was taught to work hard on the farm. On June 2, 1869, he married Elizabeth Doney, who was born in Ohio, July 4, 1845, a daughter of Harvey and Eliza (Howell) Doney. Mr. and Mrs. Doney moved to Indiana, in 1851, settling in Greene County, that State, where Mrs. Seed was educated. Mr. Doney was a carpenter and farmer. Mrs. Seed had a twin brother. In all there were twelve children in the Doney family, of whom five are now living. Mrs. and Mr. Seed have these children: Eliza Bertha, George Lycurgus, Anna Phoebe, Ralph Roy, Mary Ethel, and three who were the eldest born, but are deceased: John Harvey, Emmett Doney and Frank Dow. Eliza Bertha married John Mifford and they have three living children and one deceased; George Lycurgus married Alta Kent and they have one child; Anna Phoebe married E. W. Porter and they have one child, and Mary Ethel married Edgar Ford and they had one child who is deceased.

After marriage Mr. Seed located on the farm and in the same house where he was born, remaining there for sometime when he moved to another farm in Lawrence County in 1878, locating on his present property which he had owned for some time. It consists of 80 acres, a greater part of which he has cleared. Here he had the misfortune of being burned out. All of the improvements on his property have been made by him. While a good farmer, Mr. Seed's interest centers in the ministry, and he is much beloved by those to whom he ministers. He has always been active in temperance work and is a member of the Society of Good Templars. In politics he is a Republican.

SEEDERS, Cazzie Neal, and Ossie Cammie.—The remarkable sympathy that exists between twins has always been a subject of much interest both to the medical profession and the laity. The mysterious operations of nature which produce two children at one birth have never been thoroughly understood, but it is a recognized fact. that twins are more closely bound together than those connected by ordinary blood or fraternal ties. There have been striking instances of devotion between twins that lasted after the death of one of them, the surviving one dying of a broken heart.

A remarkable case of this kind occurred in the Seeders family. On October 29, 1879, James Bennett and Mary Lavina (Walker) Seeders had born to them twins, Cazzie Neal and Ossie Cammie Seeders. This worthy couple lived in La Motte Township, Crawford County, two and one-half miles north of Palestine. The boys were sent to the same school, shared the same pursuits during boyhood, but as they grew into young manhood, Cazzie Neal became a farmer and Ossie Cammie, at twenty years old, went to work as a clerk for the Illinois Central Railroad in their office in Palestine, Ill. After serving for a time in that capacity, he took a business course in Bryant & Stratton's Commercial College in St. Louis, from which he was graduated in June, 1901, in bookkeeping and telegraphy. He then went to Newton, Ill., and was telegraph operator for the Illinois Central Railroad for about a year, when the charms of agricultural life proved too strong for him and he came back to La Motte Township to engage in farming.

Cazzie Neal Seeders was married August 18, 1901, by the Rev. John Boatright, to Alta Gertrude Jeffries, born April 26, 1882, a daughter of John and Rose A. (Walters) Jeffries, both natives of Crawford County. Mr. and Mrs. Cazzie Neal Seeders have one child: Irene L., born July 12. 1902. John Jeffries, father of Mrs. Cazzie Neal Seeders, had the following family: Percy Lee, born August 17, 1875; Rushton G., born July 26, 1878; Cora C., born February 3, 1881, married G. A. McLaughlin, had one child, Ethel Ione, and died September 3, 1908; and Alta Gertrude. Percy Lee married Flora J. Richey, daughter of James Richey, and they have four children—Paul, Ray, Pansy May and Rena.

James Bennett Seeders was born in Kentucky, but came to Crawford County at an early day, and died in La Motte Township, August 9, 1899. He was a member of the Modern Woodmen, and that order paid to his estate $2,000 after his death. James B. Seeders married Mary Lavina Walker, a daughter of Charles and Sarony Walker, and she died October 9, 1891, aged thirty-six years, eight months and twenty-four days. There were three children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Seeders: Percy Lee, born August 10, 1875, and died February 9, 1877, and the twins, Cazzie and Ossie, who were born October 29, 1879.

These twin brothers are both Democrats, but neither has entered the political arena. Ossie Cammie Seeders is very prominent fraternally, belonging to the Palestine Lodges of both the Masons and the Odd Fellows. He is connected with Palestine Lodge, No. 849, A. F. & A. M., and La Motte Lodge, No. 826, I. O. O. F., both of Palestine. Neither brother belongs to any church, but Mrs. Cazzie Neal Seeders is a member of the United Brethren denomination.

Both brothers have good farms, which they are operating according to scientific principles, and the satisfactory results they have attained demonstrate their wisdom in making every foot of their land yield a good income. They are public spirited young men, who take an interest in the affairs of their community, although their private affairs occupy most of their attention. Mr. Ossie Cammie Seeders is yet unmarried.

SHANKS, James.—Farming and stock-raising have always engaged the attention of the majority of people in rural communities, and today this is true just as it was when the Children of Israel herded their flocks on their journey to the Promised Land. Among those who are appropriately mentioned in a history of this description is James Shanks, a farmer and stock-raiser on Section 7 and Section 8, Licking Township, Crawford County, Ill., who was born in Clark County, Ill., April 3, 1863, a son of Joseph Shanks, who was a native of Sullivan County, Ind.

Joseph Shanks was left an orphan in infancy and was taken by a Mr. Engles, by whom he was reared to manhood. Mr. Engles moved from Indiana to Clark County, Ill., and settled on 40 acres of land which he entered from the Government. From the time Joseph Shanks was old enough to work, he had little time or opportunity to secure an education, being kept busy on the farm. He remained with Mr. Engles until he was married to Catherine Simms, a daughter of Lang and Catherine (Elembough) Simms, when he entered 20 acres of land. His father-in-law gave him five acres more, so he had 25 acres in all. Moving on to the land, he commenced clearing off the brush and timber and planted crops when the soil was ready. In addition to working on his property he made rails for others, so as to add to his scanty income, and never was afraid of what lay before him. Twenty years later he went to Missouri, and located in Macon County, that State, renting a farm, but after remaining two years moved to Douglas County where he remained one year engaged in farming, and then returning to Crawford County, Ill., located on his old farm. After his wife's death he once more moved, settling in Casey, Ill., where he lived with his daughter, Mrs. Myrah Manda Cassell, until his death, at the age of seventy-two years and eight months. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shanks were the parents of ten children, namely: William, John, James, Elex. Thomas, Noah, Henry, Amanda, Rosa and Lillie.

James Shanks attended the Clark County district schools two or three months in winter.

until he was ten years old, when his father moved to Macon County, Mo., making the trip in wagons. After arriving there, the son continued his education when not busy helping his father. When he was twenty-four years old he married Cora Athey, daughter of J. Thomas Athey, who was born in Frederick County, Md. Her mother was born in Licking County, Ohio, May 31, 1837, married September 13, 1857, by Judge Stears of Crawford County. Mr. and Mrs. Athey became the parents of the following children: George W., born December 1, 1858, died September 29, 1865; Henry O., born June 29, 1860; Clarissa E., born April 10, 1862, died July 20, 1904; Mary A., born August 9, 1864, died October 9, 1865; Cora A., an infant son, born August 9, 1871, died on the same day; and an infant daughter, born November 14, 1873, died on the same day. Mr. and Mrs. Shanks have had six children born to them, namely: Otto, born October 29, 1887, died September 14, 1889; Alice, born November 26, 1889; Lucy, born November 16, 1891; Evert, born March 25, 1894; Lawrence, born October 16, 1896; Raymond, born December 30, 1907.

Mr. Shanks has always been a Democrat, and is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America at Annapolis. Mrs. Shanks is a member of the New Light Christian Church, and Mr. Shanks has been liberal in his donations to church work.

SHIPMAN, Daniel, one of the oldest residents of Martin Township, and a man who for many years has been prominently identified with the agricultural and stock interests of Crawford County, was born near his present home February 7, 1837, a son of William Shipman, now deceased, who was a pioneer of Martin Township, and a native of Indiana, from whence he came to Crawford County, Ill., when a boy, with his father, Stephen Shipman, about 1830. The family located in Martin Township, near the present site of Hardinville. The land on which the schoolhouse now stands was also given by this family. Stephen Shipman cleared his land, placing it under cultivation, and brought up his family upon it. William Shipman was the second in a family of eight children, and was educated in a little log-house subscription school. He married Jennie Martin, who was born in Kentucky, but married in Martin Township. She was the daughter of Daniel Martin, for whom the township was named. Mr. Martin married in Kentucky Bettie Gray and came to the county at a date earlier even than the Shipman's and donated the ground for the cemetery at Hardinville.

At the time of his marriage William Shipman, who had remained until then at home, bought 40 acres near Hardinville and this he cleared off and placed under cultivation. Later he sold this tract and entered 120 acres, which he cultivated with the aid of his son Daniel, and lived upon it until his death. Of the family of nine children, Daniel was the eldest, the others being Stephen, James, William, Jack, Eliza, and three who died early in life. All his life he had been a Democrat and he died firm in the faith of the Christian Church.

Daniel Shipman was reared on the homestead, and there remained until his marriage May 11, 1856, to Nancy Purcell, born February 23, 1836, a native of Indiana and a daughter of Jefferson Purcell, now deceased, a farmer of Martin Township, who entered and cleared off a fine farm. Mr. and Mrs. Shipman had four children, William and Stephen (both deceased), Carrie and James. Mrs. Shipman died March 29, 1872. In 1872 he was married to Mary Sapenfield, born in Crawford County, the daughter of Henry Sapenfield, now deceased, who was a farmer of Martin Township. Four children were born of this marriage: Calvin, Louise, Elizabeth and Henry, all born in Martin Township except Louisa, who was born in Texas. The second Mrs. Shipman died February 27, 1901.

In 1861 Mr. Shipman enlisted in the Sixtieth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served three years, participating in the battle of Murfreesboro, and other engagements, including Chickamauga, being there in Thomas' Division and detailed for skirmish duty, and later participated in the Sherman's famous march to the sea. When he was honorably discharged, Mr. Shipman returned to Illinois, and for four years lived in Lawrence County, where he bought 80 acres of land, but later sold this and bought the tract on which he now resides, having now 100 acres. In 1876 Mr. Shipman and his family went to Collins County, Texas, and bought two sections of land. He remained there less than a year, when he sold out and returned to Crawford County. In addition to placing his present property in fine condition, Mr. Shipman has 80 acres of clearing to his account in Lawrence County. He has ever been ready to lend a hand to any measure tending to the advancement of the county. Since the formation of the Republican Party, Mr. Shipman has been one of its zealous members, as would be indicated by his war record. He is very prominent in the G. A. R., belonging to Oblong Post. His religious affiliations are with the Christian Church, in which he is an active worker and liberal contributor. Recently oil was discovered on his property, and this has greatly increased its value. Mr. Shipman has three wells in active operation, and without doubt others will soon be drilled. He is a patriotic, honorable, and thrifty citizen, a kind neighbor, and an excellent Christian gentleman who has many friends throughout his own and Lawrence counties.

SHIPMAN, Everett M., M. D., physician and surgeon. The physicians and surgeons of to-day are improving to the utmost in original research and progressive experiments, constantly adding to exact knowledge in therapeutics and surgery, until the marvels they accomplish seem almost miraculous. Dr. Everett M. Shipman, of Hardinville, Martin Township, Crawford County, Ill., belongs to the most advanced representatives of his profession, and is thoroughly versed in all

pertaining to his practice. He was born in the township where he now resides, March 16, 1874, a son of John Shipman, now deceased, but who was a prosperous farmer of Martin Township, where he also was born in 1850, was a son of William and Jane (Martin) Shipman, now deceased, pioneers of the township. The latter also were the parents of James, A. J., William, Daniel, Stephen, Lida, Jessie and George, who are deceased.

John Shipman was educated in the early log schoolhouse of Martin Township, and there grew to maturity, marrying in the township, Frances McNeece, a native of Crawford County, Ill., and daughter of Lawson McNeece, now deceased, a farmer of Lawrence County, who with his wife, died when Mrs. John Shipman was still a child. Mr. and Mrs. Shipman had but one child, Dr. Shipman. In politics John Shipman was a Democrat.

Like the majority of farmer boys, Dr. Shipman attended district school, but early showing superior talent, was sent to the Robinson school, and returning home, taught school for four years in Martin Township, and one year in Hardinville, all the time cherishing the hope of fitting himself for the medical profession, although he did not begin the study of medicine until 1898, when he entered the university at Louisville, Ky., and was graduated in 1900. Immediately beginning practice, he located in Landes, Ill., in Southwest Township, remaining there until August 12, 1906, when he moved to Hardinville, where he has since remained, building up a large and satisfactory practice, being the only physician in Hardinville and the surrounding country.

December 26, 1894, Dr. Shipman was married to Clara Hurlbert, born in Kosciusko County, Ind., a daughter of William and Jane (Hall) Hurlbert, of Robinson. Mr. Hurlbert came from Indiana to Martin Township in 1881, and engaged in farming for some years. Mrs. Shipman attended the district schools of Martin Township and at Robinson, and is a very well educated and charming lady. Dr. and Mrs. Shipman have two children: Pansy and Fresco, both born in Crawford County. In politics Dr. Shipman is a Democrat and fraternally he is a Mason. He has firmly established himself in the confidence of the people of his neighborhood, who admire and respect him, and his success in his practice is something of which he may well be proud.

SHIPMAN, James.—Thriftily engaged in farming and stock-raising on his well-developed farm, on Section 34, Martin Township, Crawford County, James Shipman is one of the representative men of his neighborhood, having been born in Martin Township April 8, 1841. His father, William Shipman, was one of the pioneers of Martin Township, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. James Shipman, the fourth born child and third son in a family of twelve children, was educated in the early subscription schools, and as soon as old enough began working, remaining with his father until he attained his majority. Prior to this he had enjoyed the advantage of a course at the high school at Olney, Ill., and had thus been qualified to become a teacher. For about four years he taught school successfully in Crawford County, but his inclination turned his attention to farming, and he returned to the farm and has since been engaged in agricultural pursuits.

On November 3, 1865, he married Maria A. Fritz, who was born in Indiana, the daughter of Adam Fritz, a farmer, and one of the early settlers of Martin Township, but now deceased. Mrs. Shipman was about eight years old when she came to Martin Township with her parents who settled on wild land, and she was there educated in the district schools. Mr. and Mrs. Shipman have become the parents of the following children: George, deceased; Mary Katherine, is the wife of Peter Greggs; Sarah Jane, deceased; Ira E.; Ezra Edward; Orley, deceased—all born in Martin Township.

For some years Mr. Shipman operated a sawmill and also farmed on rented land for a time, when he bought 40 acres which he later sold and bought 120 acres. This he improved, but six years later bought another farm of 160 acres upon which he moved in 1882. Mr. Shipman also improved this farm, but in 1908 removed to the village of Hardinville. On this property is one oil well and plenty of gas. Mr. Shipman has been a life-long Democrat and has been active in local affairs. For four years he was Justice of the Peace; for one year held the office of Supervisor of the township, and has held many other offices, being an efficient and conscientious public official. Fraternally he is a Mason. His life tells the story of a man whose years have been well spent, whose industry has been well rewarded, and whose public deeds, like his private ones, reflect the character of the man.

SHIPMAN, James Newton, one of the representative and prosperous farmers of Hardinville, Martin Township, Crawford County, Ill., is a native of that township, being born February 25, 1853, a son of Savilla D. Shipman, deceased, who was a pioneer of Martin Township, born in Jackson County, Ind., February 5, 1824. He came to Crawford County with Stephen Shipman, his father, and attended the early subscription schools held in log schoolhouses, and grew to maturity on the homestead, helping to cultivate and improve the land, and transform it into the fine property it is to-day, now owned by Savilla Shipman, Jr. The father was married in Martin Township to Mary Doyle, who was born in that township, January 1, 1826, a daughter of William Doyle, now deceased, who was also a pioneer of the township. A native of Indiana, William Doyle came to Crawford County when still young, and settling in Martin Township, bought 40 acres of raw land and made improvements upon it. He married Rebecca Hicks, a member of another pioneer family, and they had five children, of whom Mrs. Savilla Shipman was the third in order of birth. To his first 40 acres, Mr. Doyle added another 40

acres, and still later another 40, and made a fine homestead. Mr. and Mrs. Shipman had seven children, of whom James Newton Shipman is the third child and second son. The mother died October 9, 1874. Later the father married Frances Sears, a native of Indiana, who was brought to the county when about sixteen. She was the widow at different periods of Daniel Martin and Hugh Doyle and James Myers. By her first husband she had four children, and five by her second, all of them being born in Martin Township. In politics Mr. Shipman was a Democrat, and was active in local affairs, holding the office of highway commissioner for years. He was a member of the Christian Church, and died firm in its faith, August 12, 1905, deeply lamented by all who appreciated his sterling traits of character.

James Newton Shipman was educated in the district schools, and worked on the farm. On November 30, 1903, he married Nancy Ellen (Sanders) Hicks, a widow of G. B. Hicks, and born in Martin Township, a daughter of Robert Sanders, a farmer of the township. After his marriage, Mr. Shipman farmed on the homestead until 1897, when he moved to Hardinville, where he has since resided. Mrs. Shipman is the mother of children by her first husband, as follows: Bettie, Louis C., William E.. Robert (deceased), and Francis (deceased), all born in Martin Township. Like his father, Mr. Shipman has been a lifelong Democrat, and he is also a member of the Christian Church. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen and a Modern American, and is very popular in these orders, as he is in his neighborhood.

SHIPMAN, Savilla.—The agricultural interests of any community are gauged by the character of those conserving them, and Crawford County is fortunate in that it has men of intelligence, acumen and enterprise as its farmers. Savilla Shipman, a farmer and stock-raiser of Martin Township, is one of the largest property owners in Crawford County, his farm consisting of 800 acres of as good land as can be found in this part of the State. He was born on what is now his farm September 12, 1859, a son of Savilla Shipman, Sr., a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Savilla Shipman, Jr. was the youngest in his father's family, and was educated in the district schools of the township, and brought up to hard work on the farm. He and his brother Jesse bought the farm from their father after the mother's death, and later Mr. Shipman purchased his brother's interest. The farm then consisted of 80 acres, but he added to it until it now comprises 800 acres. He has improved this property, and placed it under cultivation. It had a log house on it when he purchased it, but he has replaced this with a commodious modern residence, and built large barns and other outbuildings, and his premises compare favorably with any in the township. Mr. Shipman has made a specialty of stock-raising, and his Poland-China hogs command fancy prices anywhere. Oil was located on his property August 19, 1907, and he has thirty-two wells on his land in active operation.

On November 27, 1891, Mr. Shipman married Alice McCarty, who was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, July 11, 1860, the eldest child of Alexander McCarty, and was brought to Crawford County by her parents in 1867. A sketch of her father will be found elsewhere in this volume. Mrs. Shipman attended the district schools of Martin Township and a normal school, after which she entered Merom College and took a two-years course. In 1876 she began teaching and thus continued for fifteen years, becoming one of the most popular teachers Crawford County has ever had. Her business sagacity is shown by the fact that she purchased and paid for 120 acres of land from her earnings while teaching school. This land, situated three-fourths of a mile west of Hardinville, was purchased July 10, 1886, and was leased November 9, 1907, for $6,000. To her Mr. Shipman gives credit for the greatest success achieved in connection with his business interests.

Politically Mr. Shipman is a Democrat, and his services to his party have been recognized by his election to the offices of township Assessor and Supervisor. He has also been township committeeman for a number of years; at present is President of the Fair Board and has rendered it valuable assistance. He is a director in the electric road which is to run from Oblong to Casey. Fraternally, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Americans, the Grangers, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 967, Hardinville. He and his family are members of the Christian Church.

SHIPMAN, William J.—The rich black acres of farm land in Illinois demonstrate convincingly that the prosperity of its farmers is not an unproved proposition. Crawford County, for instance, can point to many men within its confines who own farms as fertile as any in the country, whose bank accounts are large, and whose investments are many outside of their farming property. Among the successful farmers of Martin Township, Crawford County, is William J. Shipman, a farmer and stockraiser of Section 10, who was born in Hardinville, February 11, 1846, a son of William Shipman, Sr., deceased, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

The younger William J. Shipman was educated in the schools of his time and neighborhood, which were conducted in primitive log schoolhouses. His youth was spent on the home place, and he continued to help his father until the land was cleared, and then worked for the neighbors for a year. His marriage occurred September 11, 1870, to Celia Jones, the daughter of John Jones, now deceased, who was a farmer of Martin Township, and who was born in Ohio, where he was reared and married a Miss Baker. They came to Crawford County at an early day, settling in Martin Township. Here Mr. Jones entered land from the Government, consisting of 160 acres, cleared and placed it under

cultivation, and there reared their five children and the two children of Mr. Jones by a former marriage, and there the parents died highly respected.

Mr. and Mrs. Shipman have been the parents of children as follows: Charley (deceased), Palmer, William, Edwin, George; Jessie May, who is the wife of William Milam, and one daughter who died in infancy. About three years after his marriage, Mr. Shipman moved to Texas, and engaged in farming for about seven years, but about 1882 returned to Martin Township and settled on his present property of 120 acres, to which he added 80 acres. The greater part of this was cleared by his own labor or wonderful supervision, and he has made all the improvements. He devotes his property to farming and stock-raising, and has been very successful in both. During the time they have lived in the township, Mr. Shipman has taken an active part in local affairs and as a Democrat, has served acceptably as Assessor, Township Clerk, and School Trustee, and has held other township offices. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen, and the religious affiliations of himself and wife are with the Christian Church.

SHIRE, Edward T.—Some men are born organizers, possessing in marked degree that executive ability that enables them to control others and carry out to successful conclusions plans that they have matured. Edward T. Shire of Oblong, contractor, editor and publisher, promoter and public man, is one of those fortunates of earth who can command success at every turn. Mr. Shire was born on a farm near Hardinville, Martin Township, June 22, 1864, a son of Christian and Martha (Fletcher) Shire. Christian Shire was born in Eastern Pennsylvania, February 13, 1833, of German descent, while his wife was born of English parents, on a farm, near Richmond, Va. When nine years old Christian Shire was brought to Ohio, when twenty-one he married in Darke County, that State, and in 1861 came to Crawford County, Ill., where he purchased 80 acres of land, nearly all of which was in timber, cleared it off and placed it under cultivation. Although now seventy-five, Mr. Shire is still in active life, happily working as a carpenter, and looks fully ten years younger than his years. He and his wife had children as follows: Jacob L., who lives at Los Angeles, Cal., is a housemover, is married and has three girls and two boys; Sarah, who lives in Indianapolis, is married and has two girls and three boys; Samuel Thomas was killed by lightning when twenty; John W. lives in Jasper County, Ill., and has large holdings of the first oil land discovered in Crawford County, called the Shire Pool; Robert F. lives in Robinson and is a carpenter and builder, and Edward T. Shire.

Edward T. Shire was educated in the district school of his neighborhood, and the County Institute, and for the following five years taught school, two years being spent in Kansas, and after that learned the carpenter trade. Successfully following that for some time, he eventually published the "Oblong Leader," a weekly paper, which he continued successfully for four years, when it was merged with the "Oblong Oracle," and his connection with it ceased. His next venture was the promotion of an independent telephone company, known as the Oblong Telephone Company, which he succeeded in having merged with other lines. Mr. Shire then embarked in a furniture business at Oblong and successfully conducted it until March, 1908, when he sold it to D. C. Brubaker, who is now conducting it. He then turned his attention towards the erection of the fine two-story brick block known as the Shire and York Block, which when completed will have a frontage of 142 feet by a depth of 90 feet. In addition to this business block, Mr. Shire owns his handsome residence on North Second street, his lot there being 62 by 120 feet.

On May 22, 1892, Mr. Shire was married in Robinson to Miss Mecie Bashears, a daughter of Winfield and Martha Bashears, formerly of Harper's Ferry, Va. One child, Kenneth E., was born on February 20, 1893, to Mr. and Mrs. Shire, a very bright young fellow, now attending school. In politics Mr. Shire is a Republican, and he has held the office of school director, has been village clerk and is now in his last year as village trustee. Fraternally he belongs to Oblong Lodge, No. 850 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His church home is with the Christian Church, and for many years he has been one of its deacons. Mr. and Mrs. Shire are noted for their hospitality, and their pleasant home always holds a warm welcome for their friends of whom they have many, not only in their immediate neighborhood but throughout this portion of the State.

SILER, Charles E.—The rapid development that has been in progress in Crawford County has scarcely been fully realized by many of those who have been the prime factors in the movement. Not only is the soil, climate and general location excellent for agricultural purposes, but within the past few years the discovery of oil in great quantities has brought into the county many men interested in its production or in other lines connected with it. Charles E. Siler is one of the prosperous farmers and stock-raisers of Honey Creek Township, residing on his excellent farm in Section 5, and born on Section 4 of the same township, July 15, 1869. His father, Josiah Siler, a retired farmer and carpenter of this township, was born in Ohio, March 20, 1841, and came to Illinois about 1851, with his father, Daniel Siler, who located in Honey Creek Township, Crawford County, and there entered land. Daniel Siler cleared off this raw land and also worked at his trade as a stone and brick mason and plasterer. He erected the old brick bank building in Robinson, and the excellence of his work is shown in its construction. He married in Ohio, Catherine Reinoehl. Josiah Siler was one

of eleven children born to his parents, namely: Barbara Ann, Philip, Jonah, Elizabeth, Mary Ann, Priscilla, George Henry, Mathias and Daniel (twins), William and Angeline. Daniel Siler was a soldier in the Civil War, serving in Company D, Thirtieth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and died in Washington County, Kan.

Josiah Siler, like many others, was educated in the log schoolhouse of the neighborhood, at the same time learning to be a carpenter, following this trade for many years in conjunction with farming. He bought 40 acres of timbered land, which he cleared and cultivated. In 1862 he enlisted in Company D, Ninety-eighth Illinois Volunteer Mounted Infantry, and served until the close of the war, participating in some of the most important engagements, including Chattanooga, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Siege of Atlanta, Resaca, Kenesaw Mountain, Marietta, Deckard, and many others of less importance, as well as various skirmishes. In July, 1865, Mr. Siler was mustered out at Edgefield, Tenn., and was discharged at Springfield, Ill.

On November 10, 1864, Josiah Siler was married in Honey Creek Township to Isabelle Jane Wright, a native of Indiana, who came to Crawford County about 1847 with her parents, Josiah and Martha (Hamilton) Wright, pioneer farmers of the county, and natives of North Carolina and Indiana, respectively. Locating in Honey Creek Township, Mr. Wright took up and improved 80 acres of land. By trade he was a tanner, and had a tannery in connection with his farm. He added to his property until he had 100 acres, and cleared it all. The Siler family was as follows: John; Charles E.; Dora, who married Charles Richart; Joe and two others; Clara and Addison who died in childhood. Josiah Siler is a Republican, and is a member of the United Brethren Church, of which his wife was also a member. Mrs. Siler died April 24, 1898.

Charles E. Siler was educated in the district schools of Honey Creek Township, and was reared to manhood on the home place. He married October 4, 1891, Rutha Goff, who was born, reared and educated at Duncanville, Ill., and in Honey Creek Township. She was a daughter of George W. and Laura Goff. Six children were born to Charles E. Siler and wife: Inis, Lloyd, Earl, Carl, Herschel (deceased), and Laura, all born in Honey Creek Township. Mr. Siler moved on his present farm of 50 acres at the time of his marriage, but has added to his property holdings until he now owns 220 acres, and has made the present improvements. He has a comfortable residence, substantial barns and excellent outbuildings. Mrs. Siler died September 9, 1904. Mr. Siler is a Republican, and is widely and favorably known throughout the neighborhood.

SMITH, Guy W.—At this late day it is almost impossible for the present generation to fully appreciate all the dangers and hardships encountered by those daring souls who were the pioneers in this great State, and to whose untiring devotion to duty the State owes so much of its prosperity and its rank among the commonwealths. In the list of those who deserve special mention in connection with the pioneer history of Crawford County, is the Hon. Guy W. Smith, now deceased. Mr. Smith was born in Kentucky, and came to Illinois about 1815, while it was still a territory and he a young man. He went first to Kaskaskia, but located soon thereafter at Palestine, Ill.

Always a man of prominence in public affairs, after coming to Illinois he served as the first Receiver of the Government Land Office at Palestine, and it was his duty to take his money to Louisville, Ky., whence it was transmitted to Washington, D. C., and more than once he was delegated to carry it all of the way. In politics an ardent Whig, he was chosen to represent his county as Senator in the First General Assembly and as Representative in the Thirteenth, serving with distinction and to the general benefit of the State.

In the early '50s Mr. Smith, always possessed of the pioneer spirit, moved to the vicinity of Burlington, Iowa, afterwards locating in the neighborhood of Davenport, Iowa, where he bought a farm and died. The first wife of Mr. Smith was a Miss Brown, who died about 1821, having borne him one daughter, Mary Eliza, who was born March, 1821, and died April, 1893, having married first Robert C. Smith, by whom she had four children, two of whom died in childhood, the others being: Mrs. Barlow, widow of Dr. C. Barlow, and Robert P. Smith, of Los Angeles, Cal. Later she married James D. Price, by whom she had eight children. The second wife of the Hon. Guy W. Smith was Jeretta Wilson.

Mr. Smith has passed away, but the good that he accomplished remains as a lasting monument to his memory, illustrating his devotion to duty, his patriotism, and his enterprising spirit which delighted in conquering the wilderness and bringing peace and plenty out of chaos.

SMITH, James D.—Intelligence, willingness to work, and a thorough understanding of his calling, have enabled Mr. James D. Smith to cope successfully with the various problems which have been presented to him in the course of his agricultural life. He was born in Wells County, Ind., October 12, 1844, a son of John W. and Mary Smith, the former born October 18, 1819, and the latter October 17, 1819. They were the parents of children as follows: Hannah Ann, born July 9, 1843, deceased; James D.; Margaret Ellen and Martha Jane, twins, born January 21, 1848; Anthony, born August 2, 1847; Jacob, born July 4, 1849; Mary Jane, born October 19, 1853; Silas W., born October 8, 1855. John W. Smith was educated in Virginia and for a time was in charge as overseer of the slaves on a plantation, but in 1842 went to Ohio, and a year later to Kosciusko County, Ind., making the trip in a wagon with his family. In that county he bought 40 acres and was helped in

clearing it by James D. and his brothers. As time went on he added 80 acres more, then 160, and finally 100, having thus become the owner of 380 acres, retired to North Manchester, where he lived until his death in 1891, his wife having died in 1863.

Being the eldest of his father's boys, James D. Smith did not obtain very much schooling, and when he did attend school he had to walk three miles both ways. The young man worked hard, remained at home with his father until he was twenty-six, and then came to Martin Township, Crawford County, where for a time he worked as a farm hand until he saved sufficient to buy 40 acres of land. On that he built a log house, but within two months had an opportunity to trade this off for seventeen acres in a better locality. On this he built another log house, and once more traded, giving his seventeen acres, log house and $800 for the property which is now his home, consisting of 80 acres. He also has 42 acres which came from Mrs. Smith's father. Oil was first discovered on his property in 1905, and he now has fourteen oil wells in active operation.

February 22, 1864, Mr. Smith enlisted in Company G, One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged August 29, 1865, being mustered out at Charlotte, N. C. While in the service he took part in the following engagements: Buzzard's Roost, Kenesaw Mountain, Marietta and the Siege of Atlanta, at the latter place being wounded and for eight months in hospital at Chattanooga and Nashville.

On August 7, 1873, Mr. Smith married Lucinda Weirich, daughter of Isaac and Eliza (Farmer) Weirich, farmers and stock-raisers of Crawford County. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have children as follows: Thomas I, Smith, born June 9, 1874; Eliza Ann, born December 31, 1877; Cora Ethel, born October 8, 1886; James A., born January 29, 1889; and Orely, born December 31, 1880, and died March 12, 1881. Mr. Smith has always been a Republican and at one time ran on the Republican ticket for Commissioner, and was beaten by only sixteen votes in a township that had 100 Democratic majority. He is a member of the New Light Christian Church, with which he has been connected thirty years, and for the same length of time has been trustee of the church, as well as deacon, and is extremely active in church work. He is reliable, honorable, strictly honest in all his dealing, and a man upon whom every dependence can be placed.

SMITH, Samuel Alva, M.D.—The medical profession offers so many opportunities for scientific advancement that it has attracted to it men of deep learning and profound thought, whose investigations have resulted in valuable contributions to the literature of their calling. The physician is a man who leads a singularly self-sacrificing life, for not only are unlimited demands made upon his time, his energy and his nervous vitality, but in many cases he gives his services without compensation, his large-hearted generosity forbidding him to stop to ask remuneration when a life is in danger.

Among the men who are devoted to their profession in Crawford County, Ill., is Samuel Alva Smith, who was born in Robinson Township March 6, 1868, a son of J. H. D. and Louisa (Burner) Smith. Guy W. Smith, the paternal grandfather of the doctor, was born in Kentucky, and at a very early day came to Illinois and entered land from the Government in Crawford County, where he became the first Receiver of the United States Land Office at Palestine. Later he moved to the vicinity of Des Moines, Iowa, and died in that State when nearly ninety years of age. He had a family of six children: Mary, J. H. D., Rankin, Fry, Speed and Nancy. The maternal grandparents of Dr. Smith, Abraham Burner and his wife, came from Ohio to Crawford County, Ill., about 1845, and purchased a large tract of government land. Mr. Burner died near Porterville, Prairie Township, in 1882, leaving nine children, five sons and four daughters. J. H. D. Smith, the father of Dr. Samuel A., was born in Palestine, and died at Porterville, Prairie Township, February 14, 1893, having been for forty years a prominent agriculturist. His wife, whose maiden name was Louisa Burner, was born in Licking County, Ohio, October 9, 1830, and died in September, 1907, having been the mother of twelve children: Wooster L., Bakewell, Eoline G., Burner B., Margaret, Guy W., Samuel Alva, and Orrin H., and four who died in infancy.

Samuel Alva Smith received his preliminary education in the district schools of Licking (now Prairie Township) in N. N. U. of Lebanon, Ohio, Township, and began his medical education at the Illinois Medical College, from which he was graduated September 29, 1904, having taken a full four years' course and a full course in surgery. Since that time he has been engaged in the practice of his profession at Annapolis, Crawford County, where he has gained the confidence and respect of the community and his practice has become extensive. He is connected with the county, State and national medical bodies, and keeps himself well informed as to the progress of his profession by subscribing to various medical journals. His fraternal connection is with the Modern Woodmen and Tribe of Ben Hur. In political matters he is a Republican. Dr. Smith owns a handsome residence at Annapolis, as well as other residence and business property.

On March 25, 1903, Dr. Smith was married by the Rev. Mr. Nidy, of the Christian Church, to Augusta Holmes, at the home of the bride's father in Prairie Township, and to this union one child, Wilbur Holmes Smith, was born October 29, 1907. Mrs. Smith was born November 30, 1872, a daughter of Andrew J. and Melissa (Newlin) Holmes, the latter born in Crawford County, and the former in Licking County, Ohio, whence he removed to Crawford County, Ill., a number of years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Holmes were the parents of six children, of whom five

survive, namely: Orlin G., born in 1866; Eveline, born in 1868; Augusta; Laura, born in 1883, and Ralph, born in 1888.

SPONSLER, Albert.—To have faithfully carried out any plan in life, and reaped success from honest effort, is something of which any man may well be proud. Albert Sponsler of Honey Creek Township, Crawford County, Ill., early learned the trade of a plasterer, and for forty years has been engaged in this vocation, until he is now a contractor and has a large trade in the township where his excellent work and honest methods have won him many friends. Mr. Sponsler was born in Stark County, Ohio, August 26, 1851, a son of Alexander and Mary (Gratz) Sponsler, both of whom were born in Pennsylvania and came of Pennsylvania-Dutch stock.

Alexander Sponsler came to Crawford County in 1866, and buying 300 acres cleared it off and made a good farm out of what had been a forest. While the family were still in Stark County, Ohio, Albert Sponsler received a district school education, and worked on the farm, although he began to learn his trade at fourteen years of age.

In April, 1871, Mr. Sponsler was married in Crawford County, Ill., to Matilda Seaney, daughter of John Seaney. The following children were born of this marriage: Harlan, Charles, Palmer, Ora, Essie and John, of whom Harlan, Ora and John are deceased. Palmer married Amanda Shannon, daughter of John Shannon and they have one daughter and they live in Palestine, where Palmer is a plasterer; Charles married Julia Geesaman, daughter of George Geesaman, and they have three children and live near New Hebron, where he is a plasterer; Essie is unmarried and lives at Danville. Mrs. Sponsler died in 1881. In 1888 Mr. Sponsler was married in Crawford County, to Mrs. Rebecca Baldwin, widow of Jesse Baldwin, from which there has been no issue. On November 30, 1898, Mr. Sponsler married Dora E. Roberts, widow of Ross Roberts, but there is no issue. Mr. Sponsler is a Republican. He has inherited from his parents the sterling traits of character so closely associated with the Pennsylvania-Dutch, and has always been industrious, hard-working and thrifty, and naturally has prospered. He is the owner of 30 acres of land in Sections 24 and 6 and 12 in Honey Creek Township.

SPONSLER, William.—Taken as a whole the farmers of Crawford County are a fine class of men, industrious, thrifty, successful, owning well-cultivated farms, stocked with high-grade cattle, and supplied with comfortable house, and barns. They thoroughly understand farming, and carry on their business profitably and much more easily than in former years, owing to improved methods and machinery. Among those thus engaged is William Sponsler of Honey Creek Township, who was born in Stark County, Ohio, near Massillon, in 1856. He is a son of Alexander and Mary (Gratz) Sponsler, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania, as also was his wife. Alexander Sponsler came to Crawford County, Ill., purchased 320 acres of land, and there died in 1883. His wife survived until August 24, 1904, when she too, passed away.

After completing his district school course, Mr. Sponsler attended Wabash College at Crawfordsville, Ind., but returned to the farm, and has made farming his business. For about twelve years he has been a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is one of its trustees. In politics he is a Republican. On December 19, 1879, Mr. Sponsler was married near Palestine, in La Motte Township, to Sarah L. Mills, a daughter of Wyatt and Emily (Fesler) Mills, the former of Crawford County, the latter a native of North Carolina. Representatives of the Mills family are among some of the most prosperous of this locality.

Mr. and Mrs. Sponsler have had the following children: Clara, born July 19, 1881; Mildred, born September 21, 1884; Elsie, born June 4, 1888, and Arthur, born May 10, 1897. Clara married Bosworth Mills, a farmer of Crawford County, no issue. Mildred married Floyd E. Snedeker, no issue. They reside near Amarillo, Texas.

Mr. Sponsler owns 182 acres in Honey Creek Township, where he resides, and 160 acres in Robinson Township.

STEEL, Davidson.—In business life Davidson Steel is one of the best known financiers of Robinson, and is widely esteemed by his business associates for his shrewdness of character and his energetic methods of action. Mr. Steel was born on a farm near Robinson, January 10, 1857, a son of William and Adeline (Trimble) Steel, the former born in Philadelphia, and the latter in Trimble, Crawford County, Ill. William Steel was a farmer, and his son was brought up to farm life, and attended the district school, but later he went to Merom College in Sullivan County, Ind., and then took a commercial course at Terre Haute, Ind. Deciding upon becoming a lawyer, he read law in the office of Callahan and Jones for three years, and was admitted to the Kansas bar in 1888, having been elected Justice of the Peace, however, in Robinson before going to Kansas. Still later, in 1888 he went to Pratt, Kan., but after a short time went to Oklahoma, where he remained four years, during one year of that time serving as Justice of the Peace which office he resigned upon leaving the Territory. While Justice of the Peace he had the satisfaction of making an honorable record by his decisions, not one of them being reversed by a higher court, in fact, no appeal being taken. While in Wichita, Kan. in 1887-88, he passed through the panic which beggared so many, but without letting this discourage him, began over again, and now is numbered as one of the substantial business men of Robinson, and he owns 600 acres of fine farming land in Missouri on which he is cultivating alfalfa, which produces $30 per acre.

Mr. Steel is a very public-spirited man and can always be depended upon to support any measure calculated to prove beneficial to the city or county. He has served Robinson as City Clerk and Collector two terms. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and a Modern American. While not connected with any church, he is liberal in his religious views, and in politics is a Republican.

On July 14, 1885, Mr. Steel was married to Miss Belle Wilson, daughter of Joseph J. Wilson, a farmer residing near Robinson. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Steel, namely: Methyl and Imo. The former was born September 30, 1886, and has been carefully educated, first attending the common school, then Holland (Virginia) Seminary for one year, followed by two years at St. Mary's Academic Institution at St. Mary's, Ind., after which she took a commercial course at Dixon, Ill. She is a very accomplished young lady. Upon one occasion when the Deed Record of the county required copying, she accomplished it in a most skillful manner. She married February 18, 1908, Carl White, engaged in an oil business with his father, at Sheffield. Pa., where the young couple now reside. The second daughter was born August 12, 1891, and is in her senior year at the Robinson high school.

STEEL, Edward H., D. D. S.—Dr Edward H. Steel, dentist, is one of the young practitioners of his profession located at Robinson, Ill., having been born on a farm near Robinson, December 1, 1872, a son of the late Edward and Mahala (Knight) Steel, the former of whom was born in Philadelphia in 1843 and died on the home farm in Crawford County, in 1899. Mrs. Steel also came from Philadelphia, and both the Steels and the Knights were of good, old Quaker stock. An ancestor on the paternal side in the seventeenth century fought under Oliver Cromwell. and he and five brothers later emigrated to Philadelphia. The grandfather, William J. Steel, came from Philadelphia to Terre Haute, Ind., and established a general merchandise store there, and later one at Hutsonville. William J. Steel had children as follows: William C., James H., Mrs. James F. Jacques, Mrs. Catherine S. Rea, Mrs. T. C. Buntin, Edward and Annie.

Edward Steel, father of Dr. Steel, remained on the home place, and he and his wife had children as follows: John K. and Homer, both farmers; Edward H.; Bruce, farmer; Mrs. Lizzie Ault; Mrs. James Simpson, and Mrs. Mary Trimble. The maiden name of the grandmother was Mary McMullen, and she too was a Quakeress, and her family like that of the Steel family is one of the oldest in the Keystone State.

Dr. Edward H. Steel attended the common and district schools in Crawford County, and then entered upon a dental course in the Chicago College of Dental Surgery, where he remained for three years (from 1896 to 1899), when he received his diploma as a D. D. S. He then came to Robinson and began the practice of his profession, building up a very large business, and firmly establishing himself in the confidence of the community. Dr. Steel is a very pleasant gentleman and a patient, conscientious worker. In politics he is a Republican.

On May 24, 1899, Dr. Steel was married at Terre Haute, Ind., to Miss Florette Newlin, born February 21, 1871, a daughter of Eli M. Newlin, of Crawford County, Ill., and Maria (Kettle) Newlin of New York State. One child, Edward Newlin Steel, was born to Dr. and Mrs. Steel on January 15, 1906. Dr. Steel has very nicely appointed operating rooms at No. 1 South Side of the court house square.

STEEL, Harry.—The business life of Robinson is influenced largely by the enterprising and progressive spirit of its leading men, who, in enlarging the scope of their private undertakings, prove public benefactors. If the business men of any community fail to take a proper interest in their town, the fact soon manifests itself, and those in the outlying districts who have been coming to it for supplies, recognize the fact that it lacks the progressive spirit so necessary to command success and seek elsewhere for what they need. Harry Steel has long recognized this fact and has tried to bear his part in maintaining the prestige of Robinson, Ill., by carrying on a large and constantly increasing business in hay, feed, grain and similar commodities, and by his courtesy, his strictly honorable methods and the superiority of his supplies, has built up a very enviable patronage. Mr. Steel was born near Robinson, February 7, 1868, a son of William C. and Adeline (Trimble) Steel, the former, a prosperous farmer of Crawford County, and the latter, born near Trimble, that county.

Harry Steel was brought up on his father's farm and in 1906 engaged in his present business, occupying commodious quarters near the postoffice where he is most conveniently located. While not an office-seeker Mr. Steel has served very acceptably as township Collector for two terms and has also been Town Clerk, being elected on the Republican ticket, to which party he has always belonged. On March 21, 1900, Mr. Steel married Miss Lily M. Hunt, daughter of John Hunt. They have no children.

STEEL, James H. (deceased), was born in Philadelphia, Pa., June 23, 1823, of English, Scotch and Irish descent. In childhood his father located in Terre Haute, Ind., and he grew up in western towns, as soon as he was old enough engaging as a clerk. In 1849 he settled in Robinson, Ill., having previously been elected County Clerk of Crawford. For nine years he held this office, a portion of the time being appointed to fill a vacancy. While in office he read law, and July 13, 1857, was licensed to practice, and was successfully engaged in that profession alone until 1865, when he and Hon. Ethelbert Callahan formed a partnership which lasted fourteen months, when Mr. Steel was forced to withdraw on account of poor health.

After that he practiced alone for several years, taking only those cases suited to his inclinations and strength. A strong Republican, he was very loyal during the Civil War, and was one of the founders of his party in Illinois. On February 4, 1847, he married Emily J. Otey, daughter of the late James S. Otey, of Crawford County. Mrs. Steel was born in Palestine, and she and her husband had children as follows: Mrs. William C. Jones, James O. Steel, Charles H. Steel and Frank O. Steel. Mr. Steel's death occurred December 2, 1872.

STENTZ, Andrew Jackson.—Brought up to hard work and strict discipline on the farm, the farmers of Crawford County lead wholesome lives and are imbued with habits of self-restraint which enable them to thoroughly master their calling, and to not only bring out of their land all there is in it, but to thriftily save their earnings and wisely invest them. Andrew Jackson Stentz, of Section 16, Oblong Township, is one of the successful agriculturists of this locality, born in Coshocton County, Ohio, February 20, 1850, a son of Michael and Elizabeth (Ikemier) Stentz. When Mr. Stentz was three years old his parents came to Crawford County, and settled in Oblong Township, where he was reared and educated in the district schools and worked hard upon his father's farm.

When twenty-two he left home and married Theresa Randolph, a daughter of William Randolph, an old settler of the township. At the time of his marriage Mr. Stentz bought twenty acres, which he improved. To this he added twenty acres more, and still later twenty more, and has made this property his home. Six oil wells are in active operation on this property, and it is now very valuable. In politics Mr. Stentz is a Democrat and he has served as postmaster eight years. Since young manhood he he has been a member of the Methodist Church, of which he has been trustee for many years and been president of the board for the past four years. He served as steward of the church for fourteen years, and is very liberal in his donations. Mr. and Mrs. Stentz are the parents of the following children: Alameda (deceased), Elizabeth, Irene, Stella, Earl, Allie, Homer and Myrta, all born in Oblong Township. During an industrious life Mr. Stentz has gained a strong position in his community by the ability with which he has conducted both his private affairs and the duties of public office, and is highly respected.

STENTZ, John.—The development of Crawford County has been largely due to the efforts of the farmers of this locality, who have steadfastly labored, contending with the various disadvantages incident to the improvement of raw land, and their success is well merited, since because of it this part of Illinois has become prosperous and favorably known. John Stentz is one of the industrious and prosperous farmers of the county, residing on Section 15, Oblong Township, but was born in Coshocton County, Ohio, September 6, 1851, a son of Michael Stentz, a native of the same State, born August 6, 1813. The latter came to Crawford County, Ill., in 1854, and bought land near the present home of his son, John Stentz. This property he cleared and developed. In addition to being a farmer, he was a physician and became very well known and highly respected. He was a member of the Methodist Church and died firm in its faith at the venerable age of eighty-five years. John Stentz is the second in the family of four children born to his parents, viz: Andrew J., John, Sarah Sophia (deceased) and Marion.

John Stentz was educated in the early subscription schools, meanwhile working hard on the farm helping his father in his clearing off of the land. He remained at home until his marriage, which took place in Marion Township, Owen County, Ind., in 1876, when he was united with Hannah Strahla, a daughter of John Strahla, of that county. After marriage Mr. Stentz bought 80 acres of land and inherited 40 from his father, and he now owns 80 acres in Jasper County in addition to his home property. Eight oil wells have been opened on his property, which are in active operation. Mr. and Mrs. Stentz have the following children: Marion M., Sarah Ellen, Clare May, Josephine, Verda, Trecie D. and Marion M. M. When life has been busiest and most demanding, Mr. Stentz has always found time to look carefully after his children and to discharge his neighborly duty, and consequently he enjoys to the fullest extent the respect and confidence of his community. In politics he is a Democrat and a member of the Methodist Church, as are his wife and other members of the family.

STEPHENS, Dr. Lewis E.—Experience, knowledge, learning, all go into the make-up of the true physician or dental surgeon. Among the dental surgeons of Crawford County, Dr. Lewis E. Stephens, of Robinson, Ill., is a worthy example. He was born in Loudon County, Va., September 8, 1845, a son of John Henry and Ann S. (Padgett) Stephens. John Henry Stephens, the father, who was born in Virginia in 1820, was also a dental surgeon of considerable prominence. He had six sons and one daughter, and four of his sons followed his profession, all having been successful. The elder Dr. Stephens came to Robinson at an early day and established a fine practice, but met with an untimely death, his horses becoming frightened and backing off the bridge near Robinson, while Dr. Stephens was in the vehicle attached. His wife was a daughter of Eli Padgett, a native of Maryland, and a descendant of an old and honored family of the South.

Dr. Lewis E. Stephens attended the country school and worked on a farm in his boyhood, but later had the advantage of a course at Westfield College, and after studying with his father, began practice when twenty-four years of age as his father's partner, and for years was the leading dentist of Robinson. He was not entirely satisfied with practicing, however, but was

ever studying and finally perfected a suction plate which is now in use by all advanced members of his profession. For some years he has been retired, his sons, Arthur G., John M. and Earl Stephens, having succeeded him, although the sign still reads, "Dr. Stephens & Sons." Although practically retired, Dr. Stephens is often called upon for advice, and at all the dental meetings he is slated for a talk, his practical experience proving of inestimable value to younger members of the profession. For some years he has been admittedly the dean of the profession in Crawford County.

On July 29, 1873, Dr. Stephens was married to Mary G. Trimble, of Crawford County, daughter of James Trimble, who was noted for his service as Associate Judge of Crawford County. He was a pioneer of the county and an extensive farmer, having come from Kentucky. The children born to Dr. and Mrs. Stephens were as follows: Arthur G., born July 8, 1874, and was a student in the Northwestern Dental College, Chicago; Frank A., born December 28, 1875, and graduated from the high school; John Murray, born October 3, 1877, graduated from the high school, and from the Northwestern Dental College; Fred E. and Earl are twins, born September 10, 1879, and Earl graduated from high school and the Northwestern Dental College; Mabel A.; Hazel, and Roger Lewis, born November 11, 1890, who is a graduate of the high school and his father's companion.

Since his retirement Dr. Stephens has entered extensively into the business of importing high-grade stock with his sons, Fred and Frank. He makes annual trips to Canada and imports only the best varieties, making a specialty of heavy horses and sheep, and through his efforts the breed of both has been materially bettered in Crawford and surrounding counties. He imported the first horse into Crawford County; also the first registered and imported stallion and mare, and was the first to bring to Crawford County imported Shropshire sheep and Holstein cattle. Dr. Stephens has exhibited at county fairs for many years, and his fine stock has secured many blue ribbons. Dr. Stephens was President of the Crawford County Fair Association for seven years. He has also the distinction of being the only man of Crawford County who shipped a carload of his horses from his barns to London, England, in sound condition.

Fraternally, Dr. Stephens belongs to the Modern Woodmen, and he and his wife are members of the Christian Church. In politics he has always been an adherent of the Democratic party, and has ably represented the Third Ward in the Robinson City Council. His pleasant home on Locust street, Robinson, is one of the most hospitable places in Crawford County, and surrounded by its trees, is one of the most delightful in warm weather. Dr. Stephens owns several fine farms in the county, as well as several of the finest orchards in this part of the State, and devotes much of his time to agriculture and horticulture. He has always been warmly interested in the prosperity and future of Robinson, and strives to offer strong inducements to attract new capital to that city. It is characteristic of the man to discharge with conscientious fidelity every trust reposed in him, and being blessed with a cheerful disposition, he has made himself the friend of all with whom he has been associated.

STEPHENSON, Cornelius (deceased).—After a short illness, the late Cornelius Stephenson, one of the representative men of Crawford County, Ill., died of pneumonia at his home at 7:30 Wednesday morning, February 27, 1901. The funeral services were conducted by his pastor, the Rev. Mr. Fink, of the United Brethren Church, and the immense concourse that attended came to pay tribute to one who was ever a friend to those who needed him, and a public-spirited, enterprising man. A touching tribute is paid to his memory in the following lines written by his daughter Emma:

"A precious one from us has gone,
A voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our home
Which never can be filled.
God in his wisdom has recalled
The boon His love hath given,
And though the body slumbers here,
The soul is safe in heaven."

Mr. Stephenson was born in Butler County, Ohio, November 20, 1829, and was married July 8, 1855, to Mary Huls. At his death he left four children, seven grandchildren, his widow and a host of warm personal friends to mourn his loss.

Mrs. Mary Stephenson was born in Indiana, November 8, 1834, but when one year old her parents moved to Butler County, Ohio, and she was there reared on a farm near the town of Pisgah in the vicinity of Cincinnati, her education being obtained in the schools of her neighborhood. Her parents were Joseph and Amanda M. (Kennedy) Huls. Mrs. Stephenson is a member of the United Brethren Church, and the Rev. N. B. Ellsworth of that church officiated at her marriage to Cornelius Stephenson. Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson had the following children: Emma T., born December 10, 1860, married Andrew Wakefield, a farmer of Robinson Township, and they have two children, Ernest and Oliver; Joseph Cornelius, born April 15, 1866, married Amanda Buskirk, daughter of Ralph Buskirk, a farmer, and they have a daughter; Benjamin F., married Catherine Henderson, and they have a son, Harry W.; Cornelius H., married Emma A., the only daughter of R. D. and Sarah J. (Wilson) Johnson, and they have three sons and one daughter—Arthur R., born April 11, 1895; Ione L., born September 27, 1896; Everett C., born November 20, 1898, and Allen G., born March 3, 1906.

Mrs. Stephenson owns a fine farm property of 160 acres in Robinson Township, where she makes her home. She is a pleasant companion, a kind neighbor, and a good worker in the

church, and the respect she commands is well merited.

STIFLE, Charles M.—One of the most important phases of commercial activity in Crawford County is that presented by the oil business of that locality, and there are many land owners on whose property oil has been discovered. Charles M. Stifle, of Section 8, Oblong Township, is one of those thus fortunate. Born in Athens County, Ohio, in 1848, he is the youngest son of ten children born to his parents, Stephen and Mary (Misner) Stifle, who in 1848 came to Crawford County, and were pioneers of Oblong Township. When they came to the township there were only about five other families in the school district. Stephen P. Stifle was the first man to suggest building a school house, which was made of logs. He purchased considerable of his land directly from the Government. The trip of the family was made from Indiana in a covered wagon, and after they were settled here, for a long time wild game was plentiful, including deer and wild turkey. In time Stephen Stifle became the owner of 1,000 acres of land, his death finally occurring in the township when he was eighty-two years old. He was a steadfast Methodist.

Charles M. Stifle went to school in the primitive log schoolhouse his father helped to erect, and was brought up on his present farm, learning early the details of agricultural life. In 1869 he married Belle Lancaster, who was born in Hutsonville, and reared in Crawford County. Her father dying when she was small, her mother later married a man by the name of Jones, a traveling preacher. Mr. and Mrs. Stifle have had two children: Rexa and Robert. Mrs. Stifle died March 17, 1873. Mr. Stifle later married Mary Jane Potts, born in Lima County, Ohio, and by this second marriage there were three children: Dora, Cora (deceased), and Edwin, all five of the children being born on the home farm. Mrs. Stifle the second, was reared in Lima County, Ohio, and she died in 1878.

Before his father's death, Charles M. Stifle secured 190 acres, as his father divided his property. He has added 20 acres more to it, and also owns 60 acres west of the county line, his total holdings amounting to 270 acres, a portion of which he has cleared. He has eight wells in operation, and is a man of independent means; is a member of the Grange, and deservedly popular in the neighborhood. Where now exists a highly civilized community, when Mr. Stifle first came to Crawford County, there were but a few log cabins, and in view of this extraordinary progress, it is impossible to award too much credit to those whose intelligence, enterprise and perseverance have brought about these results.

STIFLE, Stephen Jasper.—The discovery of oil in Crawford County worked a complete revolution in land values, and developed wealthy men in a very short period. Among those fortunate enough to own such land is Stephen Jasper Stifle, a farmer and oil-producer on Section 7, Oblong Township, who was born in Athens County, Ohio, January 19, 1838, a son of Stephen Stifle, also a native of Ohio. The father was reared in his native State and there married Mary Misner, also a native of Ohio, and they had ten children, of whom the younger, Stephen, was the sixth in order of birth. Coming to Crawford County in 1848, Stephen Stifle, Sr., located on 40 acres in Oblong Township, adding to his holdings until at one time he owned 1,000 acres, the greater part of which he cleared and placed under cultivation. Although he had no schooling, he was a well-informed man, and for his time was very wealthy. A devout member of the Methodist Church, he died firm in its faith at the age of eighty-two years.

Stephen Jasper Stifle attended one of the early schools of Crawford County, which his father helped to build. The lad worked to assist his father clear the property, and remained with him until his marriage. His father's land was partly obtained from the Government, and the remainder bought at second hand. There was an old log house on the first 40 acres, with its puncheon floor, and also an old barn on the place. He later built a hewed log house, two stories high, and weatherboarded on the outside and ceiled and plastered on the inside. They went to West York for the weatherboards. This house is still occupied by Stephen Jasper's youngest brother. Of the ten children born to the elder Stephen Stifle and wife, four are living: Stephen Jasper; Mary, wife of Chalon Headley, of Licking Township; George, of Oblong, and Charles M., who is on the old home farm. It was on this farm that the elder Stephen Stifle finally died.

On March 31, 1859, Stephen Jasper Stifle was married to Deiadamia Headley, born in Licking County, Ohio, in 1841, a daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (Smith) Headley, who were married in Ohio. Mr. Headley came to Crawford County in 1850, first locating in Robinson Township, where he bought land but soon afterwards sold it and bought in Oblong Township. He lived there for about eight years, when he made his home with his children, dying at the residence of Mr. Stifle when about seventy-two. His first wife died when the children were small, and his second wife when the family were living in Ohio.

Mrs. Stifle was reared and educated in Crawford County. Mr. and Mrs. Stifle are the parents of eight children, all born in Oblong Township: John Marion, deceased; Mary Jane, deceased; Elmira Ellen, deceased; George P.; Alma Arminda; William; Eva, and Lucy, deceased. Mr. Stifle began life for himself on 40 acres of land which he cleared off and improved, adding to his acreage until he now owns 130 acres constituting his home farm, and 260 acres in Jasper County. In 1905 he leased his property to the Benednum Trees Oil Company, later re-leased to the Parker and Edwards Oil Company, and now has on it eighteen drilled wells, fifteen producing ones and three dry ones. In politics he is a

Democrat, and for several terms has served as school director. Like his father, he is a Methodist and is liberal in the support of the church. Many of his kind and generous acts are hidden from the public, and while shrewd, alert, careful in looking after his own interests, no man has a better record or stands higher in the confidence of his community.

STILES, Edward Ellsworth.—With the wonderful stimulus given to realty values by the opening of oil lands in Crawford County, the business of handling real estate is attracting to it some of the very best men of this locality, who find in it an excellent outlet for their abilities and a profitable investment of both time and money. Edward Ellsworth Stiles has proven this to be true to his own satisfaction and the benefit of his many customers, while conducting a large real estate business in Robinson, Crawford County. Mr. Stiles was born at Hutsonville, Ill., February 9, 1873, a son of Silas N. and Emily E. (Bradbury) Stiles, their families originating in Virginia and North Carolina. After going through the grammar and high schools of Robinson, Ill., Mr. Stiles taught for five years in the country, and one year at Oblong and two years in Robinson, holding at all times first-grade county certificates. About 1895 he began the study of law with Jones, Eagleton & Newlin, and was admitted to the bar in October, 1899. He opened his office for the practice of his profession in Robinson, May 30, 1900, but later decided to embark in the real estate business, and results have proven the wisdom of his choice.

Mr. Stiles has become a very important factor in the business life of the city and is a member of the People's Exchange, the leading real estate exchange of Crawford County, and has agents in the oil fields in Crawford, Clark and Lawrence Counties, and does a large business in sending emigrants to Texas and the Dakotas. He is now serving a second term as Police Magistrate of Robinson. In 1906 he ran for the office of County Judge on the Democratic ticket, but was defeated. Fraternally he is Noble Grand of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Past Chancellor of Robert Bruce Lodge, No. 191, Knights of Pythias; was Junior Warden of Robinson Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Clerk of the Modern Woodmen of America for about two years, and secretary of the Robinson Club. In religious connections he is a member of the First Christian Church of Robinson, and for a number of years was Superintendent of the Sunday school. In politics he is a Democrat, and for several years has served as Treasurer of the County Central Committee.

On March 1, 1908, Mr. Stiles was married to Miss Anna E. Fox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Fox, Sr. She was born in Michigan, and married at Louisville, Ky., the Rev. John Moody, formerly pastor of the First Christian Church of Robinson, officiating. Mrs. Stiles' brother, Howard Fox, is a noted singer, but is now employed in the Pure Food office of the State, in the city of Chicago. Another brother, John, was killed by an electric wire in the streets of Robinson, in May, 1908. A man of scholarly tastes and able to throw light upon many subjects, drawing from a fund of rich experience and years of association with people of all classes, Mr. Stiles is also a man of executive ability and highly practical ideas.

STONER, Jesse Corwin.—A veteran of the Civil War, being one of those who enlisted when the country was most in need of his services, a substantial farmer who has honestly earned all that he possesses and a good, Christian man and devoted husband and father, is the record of the life of Jesse Corwin Stoner, of La Motte Township, Crawford County. Mr. Stoner was born in Montgomery County, Ohio, nine miles from Dayton, July 19, 1844, a son of Daniel Stoner. The latter was born January 1, 1810, in Maryland. By trade he was a weaver, but when about thirty he took up a farm in Montgomery County, Ohio, consisting of 146 acres, but in 1871 moved to Crawford County, Ill., and died in La Motte Township, August 20, 1898. His wife's maiden name was Esther Pfoutz, and she was born December 10, 1809, in Maryland, and died in Crawford County, June 25, 1891, in the same township as her husband.

Jesse Corwin Stoner attended the public schools in Montgomery County, Ohio, and has always worked on a farm, early learning how to properly conduct one. On November 15, 1866, he married in Dayton, Ohio, Mary M. Bookwalter, of Montgomery County, that State, who was born on a farm in February, 1848, a daughter of Jacob and Katherine (Stover) Bookwalter. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Stoner: Amy Alice, born September 26, 1867, in Montgomery County, Ohio, married William J. Fitzpatrick, a farmer of La Motte Township, Crawford County, Ill.; Minnie Catherine, born May 22, 1869, in Montgomery County, Ohio, married Harvey Royer, a farmer in Ohio on December 21, 1892, and they have two children, a boy and a girl; Lizzie E., born December 1, 1871, in Montgomery County, Ohio, married William Swinger of La Motte Township, on December 20, 1893, and died July 23, 1894, no issue; Iletta, born March 22, 1873, in La Motte Township, Crawford County, as were the rest of the children, married N. F. Goodwin, of La Motte Township, September 30, 1896, at Montpelier, Ind., and they have four boys: Chloe, born August 28, 1875, married, William J. Fitzpatrick of La Motte Township, and died November 29, 1899, in La Motte Township; Gertie, born June 16, 1878, married Howard Garber, an optician of Lawrence County, Ill., and they now live in Paris, Ill., and have a boy and a girl; Edith Rebecca, born February 25, 1879, married J. C. Fitzpatrick, brother of William J. Fitzpatrick, on March 14, 1900, they live in La Motte Township and have one child; Ruth, born March 14, 1883, died at the age of six years and six months, October 1, 1889, on the homestead; Orlando W., born September 2,

1885, married Mertie Staten of La Motte Township, June 5, 1906, no issue; Ethel, born August 3, 1889, unmarried, living at home, and Daniel Glenn, born January 1, 1891, and died November 21, 1895.

With his brother, William H., Mr. Stoner came to Crawford County, Ill., in October, 1854, and after remaining there about eighteen months, returned to his native State of Ohio. In February, 1871, accompanied by his wife and family, he again came to Crawford County, locating in La Motte Township, where he remained until 1873, occupying rented land. In June of that year he purchased 140 acres on Sections 25 and 26, La Motte Township, and was engaged in farming upon it for seven years, when he removed to his present location on Section 15, which he rented for three years, when he bought 120 acres of it. About 1888 he sold 40 acres of the eastern portion of this tract and bought 140 acres on the south. About the same time he sold his original purchase on Sections 25 and 26, and then bought 50 acres on Section 20. He now owns 270 acres, of which 220 are improved.

Mr. Stoner has been a member of the Church of the United Brethren for thirty-seven years, in which he is an elder and local preacher, holding services in the church at La Motte. He is beloved by his people and has accomplished a great deal of good, not only in the church but by his excellent example and kindly words of advice.

In May, 1864, Mr. Stoner enlisted in the One Hundred and Thirty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Col. John G. Lowe commanding, and was honorably discharged in August, 1864, at Camp Chase, Ohio, and there mustered out of the service. He has been a school director of his township four terms, has been school trustee for five terms, and is a very conscientious public official.

SWARIN, William, was born in Frankfort, Germany, February 8, 1833. His father's name was Jacob Von Schwerin, and his mother Eliza Deveraux, who was born near Paris, France. His father was a Major-General in the German Army and fought against Napoleon at the Battle of Waterloo.

William Swarin was educated in the common schools of Germany and at the University of Vienna, Austria, and came to this country at the age of sixteen years on a sailing vessel, being on the sea fifty-three days, and landing in New York, August 8, 1849. He entered the store of Tyler, Davidson & Company at Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1850, and remained there for about a year. He then entered the store of James Van Hise where he remained two years.

In 1854 Mr. Swarin was married to Martha Burch, and of this union three children were born: Albert W., Julia E. and Lillie S. He emigrated to Illinois in the year 1865 and engaged in farming. Mr. Swarin was for twenty-one years secretary of the Crawford County Agricultural Society, serving longer consecutively in that office than any other Agricultural Society secretary in the State. He was elected County Treasurer of Crawford County in 1890, and served four years. He is a member of the Methodist Church and affiliated with the Republican party.

SWEARINGEN, Christiana Amanda.—The farms of La Motte Township, Crawford County, Ill., are models, and their fertile acres reflect the prosperity of the owners. Comfortable farmhouses, spacious barns, well-kept premises, broad fields filled with grain or sleek cattle, are usual sights in this part of the State, and among the well-known farmers of this locality is Mrs. Christiana Amanda Swearingen, who was born near Wesley Chapel, Palestine, Ill., April 15, 1830, a daughter of Johnson and Amelia (Spraggins) Crews. Mr. Crews, a native of Tennessee, born in 1802, and died on the old homestead near Wesley Chapel, in 1885. Mrs. Crews was born in Kentucky in 1810, and died in La Motte Township in 1882. By occupation Mr. Crews was a farmer and Mrs. Swearingen, while living on a farm, was educated in the district school. The Spraggins family came to Crawford County in 1816.

In June, 1850, Christiana Amanda Crews was married in Wesley Chapel, Palestine, to Thomas Jefferson Cunningham, a farmer, and their children were: Thomas Hooper, born August 7, 1851, married Carrie Pifer, and they have one daughter; William Owen, born April 3, 1853, married Mary Otey, and they have two daughters and one son; Charles Augustus, born January 27, 1855, married Rose Seaney, and they have a son and a daughter. Mr. Cunningham died in 1859.

On November 27, 1872, Mrs. Cunningham married Samuel Goodale Swearingen, but of this marriage there is no issue. Mr. Swearingen was born in Ohio, January 8, 1806, and died September 3, 1900, and is buried in Wesley Chapel Cemetery, Palestine. He was ninety-four years of age at the time of his death. In addition to owning a fine farm of 360 acres, the present property of his widow, Mr. Swearingen was vice-president of the First National Bank of Robinson. He was a Mason and prominent in the order. Mrs. Swearingen has been a member of the Methodist Church for sixty years, and Mr. Swearingen was also a member of the same denomination. Mr. Swearingen was one of the early settlers of Crawford County, having come from Ohio with his father in 1851, and this was his home until his death. Mrs. Swearingen has made Crawford County her home with the exception of some time she spent in Morgan County, Ill., during the life of her first husband, having moved there soon after their marriage, but within a year after his death she returned to Crawford County, and is now living in Palestine. Since the death of Mr. Swearingen, Mrs. Swearingen has rented her farm to three persons, dividing it into three parts of 120 acres each. While for a number of years prior to his death, owing to his age and infirmities, Mr. Swearingen took no part in public affairs, in younger years he was always interested in local matters, and was closely identified with the best measures of

his community. He was a son of Thomas V. Swearingen, born December 19, 1779, in Virginia, and died in Crawford County, September 29, 1863. The mother of Mr. Swearingen bore the maiden name of Theodosia Goodale, who was born February 25, 1785, and died April 6, 1832, probably in Ohio, before the family came to Crawford County. Mr. Swearingen cleared off a large amount of land, and was numbered among the representative pioneers of Crawford County. Mrs. Swearingen is highly esteemed, not only among her church people, but by all who know her, and she has always been an excellent mother, a devoted wife and kind neighbor, and a credit to her sex and community.

TAYLOR, George T., deceased, late President of the Flat Rock Bank, which was organized in 1905 with George T. Taylor as president, John H. Taylor as vice-president and Grant Taylor as cashier, was one of the conservative business men of his locality, whose financial foresight and executive ability were demonstrated by his business experience, especially during the late panic. He was born in Fauquier County, Va., January 23, 1835, a son of Hubbard Taylor, the latter born in Prince William County, Va., and drowned in the Shenandoah River about 1858. By occupation he was a miller and farmer. He married Cora Hickley. The grandfather Taylor was a soldier in the War of 1812 and first cousin of President Zachary Taylor.

Mr. Taylor was educated in the subscription schools of his neighborhood, and reared on a farm. In 1865 he came to Moultrie County, Ill., and purchased a farm, which he operated until 1873. In that year he sold his farm in Moultrie County, and embarked in the milling business in Douglas County, Ill., but in May, 1877, came to Crawford County, and for thirty years was in the milling business at Flat Rock. Selling this business, he organized the Flat Rock Bank in 1905 and, with his two sons, carried on this financial institution, gaining the confidence of his community at large.

On December 25, 1855, Mr. Taylor was married in Harrison County, W. Va., to Elizabeth Catherine Custer, daughter of James and Ellen (Dawson) Custer, and first cousin of General George A. Custer. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor were: Ellen C., born August 13, 1858; John H., born September 8, 1860; Adelaide, born May 30, 1862; Laudora, born May 4, 1864; Alice L., born January 23, 1866; Grant, born January 8, 1868; Drussie, born February 7, 1876; Charles Custer, born January 1, 1882. Ellen married Dr. Dailey of Lawrence County, Ill., and had one child, Leona, now three years old. Dr. Dailey died August 30, 1905. John H. married Lula C. Barnes, daughter of George D. and Gallahue (Fish) Barnes, her father being a merchant and farmer who died at Terre Haute, Ind. They had three children: Hugh C., born September 15, 1890; Nellie, born January 17, 1900, and Harry, who died when three years old. Adelaide married J. D. Reaville of Crawford County, and she has four children: Orman, Nellie, Fred and George. Laudora married William E. Bond, formerly of Baltimore, Md., and a dealer in wagons and buggies located at Flat Rock. Mr. and Mrs. Bond have one child, George T. Grant married Lilian Tohill, daughter of Lewis N. Tohill. Drussie married Charles R. Duncan, hardware and furniture dealer of Flat Rock, no issue. Charles Custer married Emma Heath, a daughter of Randolph Heath, and they have two children: Theodore, born November 9, 1904, and Elizabeth, born in 1906.

Mr. Taylor was a Republican and served Flat Rock as school director, village trustee, school trustee and highway commissioner, and was always found ready to co-operate in the advancement of any public enterprise calculated to benefit the community. He was a member of the Methodist Church for thirty-eight years, which he served as one of its trustees, as well as one of the most liberal contributors to its support. His death occurred November 23, 1908, when the community was bereft of one of its valuable citizens.

TAYLOR, John Holmes.—Since oil was discovered in Crawford County, there has been a great change in the industrial and commercial life. New interests have arisen, connected more or less intimately with the oil fields, and more people and more capital are constantly being concentrated here. As a result property has increased in value to a remarkable degree, and those fortunate enough to possess land with oil producing wells, are numbered among the most wealthy in this part of the State. Among those who have been very prominent in the development of the oil fields, is John Holmes Taylor of Oblong Township. He was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, February 20, 1839, a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Holmes) Taylor, and grandson of John and Eleanor Taylor. John Taylor was born in Maryland, April 10, 1766, was a farmer by occupation, and died June 5, 1843. His wife, also a native of Maryland, born February 12, 1767, died July 8, 1849. Henry Taylor the father was born in Maryland, but was brought to Fairfield County, Ohio, in childhood. His wife was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, a daughter of Thomas Holmes. His home was a stopping place for many distinguished men, among those he was accustomed to entertain being the Sherman brothers, General William Tecumseh and John, Thomas Ewing, and many others. He was an early settler of Ohio, and a very prominent man. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Taylor were: Adeline M., born August 20, 1835; Thomas, born March 7, 1837, and died at the age of two months; John H., born February 20, 1839; Emory W., born November 6, 1840; George, born March 25, 1842; Jacob L., born March 23, 1844; Eli F., born April 2, 1846, and Orlando C., born February 26, 1851.

The father had some land in Crawford County, which he proposed dividing among several of his sons. John Holmes Taylor, as the eldest living son, was given 100 acres, and another 100

acres was to have been given to the next son, Emory, but in the fall of 1861 he enlisted in the First Ohio Cavalry and went to Tennessee. Just before the holidays he was taken very sick, and although he was brought to his home in Fairfield County, he died three weeks after his return, and the property went to the next son, George. The latter cleared off the property and lived on it until he moved to Fort Wayne, Ind., where he began farming ten miles from that city. He married in Fairfield, Ohio, Rhine Messmore, and they live near Fort Wayne, Ind. They have four children, all married, who reside on the old homestead. Jacob L. Taylor owns his father's homestead in Fairfield County, where he now resides. He was in the 100-days' service during the Civil War. His first wife was Hannah Van Husen, by whom he had one son and three daughters. His second wife was Emma Everhardt. Eli T. is a widower and lives in Columbus, Ohio, where he is engaged in an insurance business, having been with his present firm for thirteen years. He has three sons and one daughter, all of whom are married and he makes his home with his daughter. Orlando C. died of diphtheria when eight years old, May 9, 1861.

John Holmes Taylor attended the district school in Fairfield County, Ohio, and then went to a private school to fit himself for the Wesleyan (Ohio) University. After finishing he taught school for four winters. In March, 1862, he came to Crawford County, Ill., making the trip on horseback, and being eight and one-half days on the road. He immediately commenced to clear up and improve his land and from that time to the present his home has been on Section 14, Oblong Township.

On March 12, 1863, Mr. Taylor married Grace M. Vernon, in Columbus, Ohio, her parents being Joseph and Catherine (Pickering) Vernon, both natives of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor's children are: Orlando G., now a physician of Palestine; Edwin V., died at Lebanon, Ohio; Edith A., a widow with one child, resides in Robinson, Ill.; Edson H., unmarried, lives in Charleston, Ill., is a teacher of mathematics in the State Normal School; Catherine Eugenia, unmarried and lives at home.

In politics Mr. Taylor is a Republican. For fifty-two years he has been a member of the Methodist Church, of which his wife is also a member. He has been steward and a class leader in his church. Mr. Taylor cleared off the 100 acres his father gave him, and has added to his property until he now has 400 acres in Crawford County, on which are fifteen producing oil wells, and he is constantly drilling for more. He owns 80 acres in Cross County, Ark. All of his Crawford County property is cleared except 40 acres of timberland. He has a thoroughly modern home of eleven rooms, with all improvements, surrounded by a beautiful lawn, in which trees are interpersed with ornamental shrubs and flowers. The Taylors are very hospitable and their home is the scene of many pleasant gatherings. Mr. Taylor is a man who commands universal respect and confidence, and the results which he has attained by his long years of hard work and thrifty economy are very satisfactory in every way.

TAYLOR, Samson (deceased), who served as County Treasurer of Crawford County, and was an old and honored resident of Robinson, was born in Champaign County, Ohio, February 22, 1825, coming to Crawford County, Ill., in 1848, and settling on a farm in the present township of Honey Creek, where he bought 80 acres, later adding 60 acres more. In politics he was a Democrat and was very active, being elected frequently to the offices of Collector and Treasurer. In 1868 he embarked in a mercantile business, but in 1874 was burned out, and then left Crawfordsville where he had established his business and returned to his farm. In 1846 he joined the Masonic fraternity. On June 18, 1846, he married Barbara Taylor, and they had children as follows: Joseph B., Sarah L., Julia A., Henry, Hiram, Mary A., Samson, James C., Charles A., John H., George, William S., David Y.

TEMPLETON, Gilbert W. W.—The farming interests of Crawford County are in the hands of thoroughly competent men whose ability and trustworthiness have been well tested. They are adopting scientific methods in their work with gratifying results, and this part of the State is fast becoming one of the garden spots of the world. Among those who have materially aided in bringing about such a condition of affairs is Gilbert W. W. Templeton, a farmer and stock-raiser of Section 25, Montgomery Township, Crawford County. He was born near Hardinville, Crawford County, February 19, 1858, a son of David Templeton, who was born in Greene County, Ohio, July 22, 1826, and was a farmer and stock-raiser.

John Templeton, the father of David Templeton, and grandfather of Gilbert W. W., soon after the birth of his son, David Templeton, moved to Rush County, Ind., where the family remained a short time, and then located in Greene County, Ohio, and there they resided until David Templeton was twenty-three years old. At that time they came to Illinois, settling in Oblong Township, Crawford County, on a raw prairie farm. John Templeton married Eleanor Cox, who was born in Ohio, and they had children as follows: David, Elizabeth, Hannah, Nancy Jane, William and Mary.

David Templeton was educated in Greene County, Ohio, and after coming to Crawford County, taught school in this and Lawrence Counties for seven years. On September 30, 1852, he married Amazonia Mills, daughter of Edward Mills and Abigail (Howard) Mills. The latter was a daughter of Edward and Abigail Howard. Edward Mills was the father of the following family: William Howard, Matilda, Thomas Wilson, Jane, Edward Perry, Martha, Amazonia, Maurice Krumble, Harry Palmer, and George Ira.

George W. W. Templeton received his early

education in the district schools of the neighborhood where he now resides. He assisted his father on the farm, and helped to clear off the land. At his father's death, he and his brothers discovered that David Templeton had signed notes for supposed friends, and in order to meet his obligations, had been obliged to heavily mortgage the homestead. The young men paid off the mortgages, and through unremitting labor now own 320 acres. Mr. Templeton has 72 acres in his own right.

On September 14, 1890, Mr. Templeton married Laura Martin, a daughter of John and Sarah C. Martin. Mrs. Templeton was born in La Motte Township, Crawford County, and three months after her birth, her father died. Her mother moved to Ohio in the fall of 1866 and lived there until the fall of 1875, when she and her children then returned and settled two miles northwest of Palestine. At the time of her death Mrs. Martin lived with Mrs. Templeton. Mr. and Mrs. Templeton became the parents of the following named children: Hoyt D., born September 18, 1891; Lena V., born October 6, 1893; Ethel J., born May 25, 1895; Abbie Ruth, born July 30, 1898, died August 17, 1901; Ruby, born January 29, 1908, died April 24, 1908. John and Sarah Martin were the parents of six children, as follows: Josephus Perry, born September 29, 1853; Alvin Leslie, born October 17, 1855; Mary Ellen, born September 6, 1859, and died August 7, 1860; an infant daughter, born August 8, 1861, and died in seven hours; Ethelinda, born September 14, 1862; Laura Alice, born January 8, 1866.

Mr. Templeton was one of a family of five sons and one daughter, as follows: John Edward, born April 15, 1854; Benjamin Franklin, born February 11, 1856; Gilbert Wallace, born February 19, 1858; Urban R., born September 12, 1860; David and Mary, twins, born February 13, 1864.

Mr. Templeton is a member of the Christian Church and is much interested in its work. He is a Republican politically, and takes an active interest in township affairs, although he has never aspired to public preferment. He is a good farmer and understands the cultivation of his land. He and his brothers had a heavy load to carry for many years and deserve great credit for the hard work done and the results accomplished.

THOMAS, Samuel R., Postmaster of Oblong, Ill., and one of the progressive men of his locality, was born in Elkhart County, Ind., December 24, 1871, a son of John and Mary A. (Long) Thomas. The great-great-grandfather came to America with a Scotch clan, locating in South Carolina. The father, John Thomas, was born in Elkhart County, Ind., May 13, 1841. He served during the Civil War in the One Hundred and Fifty-second Infantry. The mother was born in Ashland County, Ohio. The Thomas family emigrated from South Carolina to Northern Indiana, where the majority of the family now reside.

Samuel R. Thomas attended the Oblong public schools and passed his boyhood days on a farm south of Oblong, and all of his spare time was spent in reading history. He has never lost that intense love of history, and keeps thoroughly abreast of the history of his own times. When twenty-two he began making history himself by enlisting in the United States Army on February 14, 1893, and served in Captain Capron's company of Light Artillery, Battery E, First U. S. Artillery, until disabled by a premature explosion of a piece of artillery while firing a salute in honor of General Charles King, the novelist.

The first public office held by Mr. Thomas was as President of the Village Board, to which he was elected on the Independent ticket by a majority of two to one. He was elected Supervisor in 1905, over D. W. Odell, a strong Democrat and a good business man, and was re-elected in 1907 over D. H. Hoke, by a large majority, but in 1906 was defeated by a small majority for County Clerk by C. O. Harper. He served as clerk in the postoffice from 1898 to 1901, when he was appointed Assistant Postmaster, and served in this capacity until he was appointed Postmaster in 1907. A Republican in politics, Mr. Thomas has always voted his party ticket, and has served as member of committees and delegate to conventions. He is a believer in rotation in office and a follower of the politics of Lincoln, McKinley and Roosevelt.

On October 28, 1896, Mr. Thomas was married to Miss Nellie F. Newbold, a daughter of D. F. Newbold, one of the pioneers of Crawford County, a man of strong religious faith, who has brought up his children accordingly. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have two children: Francis N., born April 16, 1898, and John D., born July 12, 1902. Mr. Thomas is a charter member of the first Sons of Veterans Camp in Crawford County; was initiated in the Odd Fellows Lodge, No. 850, in 1900, and has served as trustee of that order almost continuously ever since. He is an energetic, enterprising young man, very popular and widely known.

THOMPSON, William Addison, State's Attorney of Crawford County, Ill., is one of the successful young attorneys of this locality, born in Crawford County, May 29, 1870, a son of Joseph and Nancy Ann (Maxwell) Thompson, and grandson of William Thompson, who came from Tennessee, and was the first Postmaster of Flat Rock. He owned a farm about a mile west of Flat Rock, and was a shoemaker by trade. Joseph Thompson, his son, was a farmer and merchant, and was successful in both avocations.

William Addison Thompson is a man of wide legal knowledge, being equally versed in criminal, civil, chancery, admiralty or patent law, and thus well fitted for the discharge of the duties of his present responsible office. He was educated in the schools of Crawford County, and was engaged in teaching from 1890 to 1899, and at the same time read law under P. G. Bradbury, and later with Valmore Parker, being admitted

to the bar in 1896. As early as 1901 he became prominent in Republican politics, being then elected a Justice of the Peace in Robinson Township. In 1904 he was chosen State's Attorney on the Republican ticket, and while occupying this office has collected more money for the school fund than all of his predecessors combined. He has also prosecuted with vigor many foreign corporations, and has been a most efficient public officer. He has declined re-election, and intends to resume his private practice at the expiration of his term of office.

In 1896 Mr. Thompson was married to Miss Lena L. Mills, born in Lawrence County, in 1871. While living at Flat Rock and Birds he was principal of the schools in those several localities. Mrs. Thompson's father, as was Mr. Thompson's, was a soldier of the Civil War, the latter serving in Company I, Twenty-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry, General Grant's old regiment. Mr. Thompson is a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellows fraternities and has passed all the chairs in the latter order. He has done yeoman service for his party, and is regarded as one of the Republican leaders in Crawford County. A conscientious lawyer and scrupulous public official, Mr. Thompson has made a record for himself of which he may well be proud, and is justly regarded as one of the county's representative professional men.

TOHILL, Lewis N.—Each year the ranks of the veterans of the Civil War are thinned by the enemy Death, but there are still surviving enough to keep before the present generation the memory of the gallant deeds of those who were not found wanting in courage and patriotism in the time of the country's direst need. One of them in Honey Creek Township, Crawford County, Ill., is Lewis N. Tohill, who enlisted in Company E, Ninety-eighth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, August 11, 1862, and served bravely until August 23, 1863, when he was honorably discharged, for general disability, at Bowling Green, Ky. Mr. Tohill was born in Honey Creek Township, two and one-half miles west of his present home, June 27, 1839, a son of John and Martha (Springer) Tohill. John Tohill was born in Fairfield County, Pa., September 16, 1816, and died December 11, 1904, in Macon County, Ill., on his farm of 270 acres. His widow was born in Hocking County, Ohio, in April, 1818, and is still living on the farm in Macon County, Ill. In 1823 John Tohill moved to the vicinity of Lancaster, Ohio, and was engaged in farming there until 1838, when he sold his property, and moved with his father to Crawford County, Ill., settling two and one-half miles west of Flat Rock. He there entered 160 acres of land at $1.25 per acre, while his father entered 280 acres, and at that time the county was in a very wild state. There were no roads, all the houses were built of logs, and greased paper took the place of glass for windows, and there were no churches or schoolhouses. As soon as there were enough people to subscribe for a subscription school, one was started. There was plenty of wild game, and deer could be found anywhere, and it was necessary to surround the fields with a stockade of pointed stakes to keep them out. It was also necessary to dig a few feet to get water, and much of the land was a swamp.

Lewis N. Tohill attended a district school in the winter and worked on the farm in the summer, as did all the boys of his neighborhood. He was the eldest of twelve children, the others being: Noah W., Lawrence (deceased), Jonas M., Mary, Martha, Sarah, George, Ella, Andrew Jackson, Eli and Clara Bell. When Lewis N. reached maturity he commenced farming for himself and he has been thus engaged ever since, with the exception of the time when he was in the army. In 1861, Mr. Tohill bought 40 acres of land, which is a part of his present farm, 20 acres of which had been improved and on which was a log cabin. He continued to add to his first purchase until he now has 285 acres, and this he has improved, erecting all of the buildings thereon. While a stanch Republican, and a man interested in all public enterprises, Mr. Tohill has never accepted public office. He belongs to Harrison Post, G. A. R., of Palestine. When he was eighteen he joined the United Brethren Church, and has been a faithful member for fifty years.

On May 16, 1861, Mr. Tohill married Cynthia Ann Jones, a daughter of John M. and Elizabeth (Ford) Jones, natives of Kentucky. The children born of this marriage were: William L., born September 16, 1862; Noah M., born December 10, 1864; Ira Hanby, born December 23, 1866; Henry Grant, born September 5, 1868; Mary Lillian, born May 18, 1870; Lizzie, born February 6, 1872. Mrs. Tohill died August 4, 1874, and on December 19, 1875, Mr. Tohill married Amanda F. Fisher, daughter of George and Elizabeth Fisher, natives of Germany and Pennsylvania, respectively. The children born of this marriage were: Ada, born January 19, 1877; Frank E., born December 1, 1878; Dora, born January 21, 1880; Lulu Avis, born July 29, 1881; Charles Roscie, born August 14, 1882; Millie O., born December 15, 1883; Lena I., born December 15, 1885; Chester Clarence, born June 3, 1887; Annie Marie, born December 24, 1889; Lester, born February 28, 1892; Leota, born March 24, 1897; and John M., born June 9, 1899.

TRACY, Elijah.—The farming interests of Crawford County are in the hands of able, intelligent, capable men, whose knowledge of agricultural matters is thorough, and who are making their farming pay them handsome profits. Coming, as he does, of an old pioneer family, Elijah Tracy of Oblong Township is one of its representative men. He was born in Robinson Township, January 24, 1858, a son of Elijah and Nancy (Myer) Tracy. Elijah Tracy was born in Pennsylvania, April 11, 1815, and his wife in Ohio, October 19, 1821. They had children as follows: Peter, born October 18, 1839; Jane, born April 11, 1841; Myer, born September 10, 1843; John, born January 5, 1844; Maranda,

born March 28, 1846; Maritta, born April 11, 1847; Vanderhoff, born December 4, 1850; Mary Catherine, born November 9, 1853; Elijah, born January 24, 1858; George Washington, born August 18, 1863; and a boy who died in infancy. Elijah Tracey came from Pennsylvania to Crawford County, Ill., in 1847 and entered 80 acres of land in Robinson Township, later adding to his holdings so that he owned 300 acres at the time of his death.

Elijah Tracy, the younger, attended Grassy Hollow School until eighteen. His marriage occurred November 29, 1880, in Oblong Township to Mary E. Acker, daughter of Jacob and Nancy (Randolph) Acker, the Rev. Harry Broadstone performing the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Acker were both from Perry County, Ohio, where the mother was born November 22, 1833, and she died July 15, 1903. Jacob Acker enlisted August 20, 1862, and while in service died of typhoid fever in Vicksburg Hospital, August 15, 1863.

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy have two children: Henry, born September 17, 1881, married Cora Alice Wiseman, daughter of Edward and Euphemia Wiseman, farmers of Oblong Township, and they have two daughters; and Charles Otis, born December 24, 1897. Mr. Tracy is a Republican in his political relations, but is not an office seeker. He owns 65 acres; 60 acres in Oblong Township and five acres in Robinson Township and has one oil-producing well upon the Robinson place. The family are well known in their community and Mr. Tracy is among the popular men of his neighborhood.

TRACY, George V, farmer and stockman on Sections 15 and 16, Licking Township, Crawford County, Ill., was born in Licking County, Ohio, June 2, 1841, a son of Lloyd Tracy, who was born in the same county, November 21, 1812, and died September 24, 1852. His wife, Jane (Kirk) Tracy, was born February 22, 1815, and died December 20, 1886. They were married in Licking County, Ohio, and became the parents of eight children, two sons and six daughters, namely: Thomas, born April 12, 1838; Risiah, born September 22, 1839, died August 17, 1861; George V.; Sarah, born February 1, 1843; Catherine, born January 27, 1844, died January 5, 1877; Rachel Ann, born September 6, 1846, died April 4, 1856; Eunice, died September 28, 1854; Euphemia, born March 6, 1851.

Lloyd Tracy and his brother, Elijah Tracy, brought their families from Licking County, Ohio, to Crawford County, Ill., in 1846, making the trip in wagons, there being already five children in the family of Lloyd Tracy. The latter settled in Robinson Township, while his brother settled one half-mile south, and his heirs now own this land. Within late years oil has been discovered upon the property and greatly enhanced its value. Lloyd Tracy entered 160 acres from the Government, and while putting up a log house, he lived on Robert Smith's place. About 40 acres of the farm was in prairie and the remainder in brush and timber. Elijah helped him break the prairie and during the first year they broke 50 acres, which they planted in corn. They used an ax, in every third furrow cutting a hole in which they dropped three or four grains of corn. The mouth of the hole was closed with a block of wood or rammed down with a maul, and in this manner the first crop was planted. Lloyd Tracy lived on this farm for seven years, when he sold it to Silas Price and moved to Richland County, Ill., where he entered 200 acres. Prior to locating in Richland County, he purchased a small log house on an adjoining farm, and which he moved onto his own property. Into this he moved his family in the spring, and in the following fall he died.

George V. Tracy attended school in Crawford County in what was known as the Old Hickory schoolhouse, walking one and a quarter miles to school. After the death of his father, his mother sold the Richland County farm and returned to Crawford County, where she bought 40 acres. Upon their return, George V. Tracy resumed his attendance at school, and for the following five years went to school three months in the year. In the meanwhile, when not in school, he worked out, splitting rails and performing other tasks to help his mother. Thus he continued until he was twenty-six years old. When twenty-two he enlisted in the army, joining Company D, Ninety-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under Col. John J. Funkhouser and Captain Wood. The date of his enlistment was August 12, 1862, and he was discharged at Nashville, Tenn., June 15, 1865, and mustered out at Springfield, Ill. He was in all of the engagements participated in by his company with the exception of one when he was detailed on special duty. Mr. Tracy was sent on horseback 108 miles with a dispatch to Knoxville, Tenn., rode night and day and was slightly wounded in his side.

Upon his return he rented a farm of William Kirk, upon which he lived a year, and then bought 70 acres in Jasper County. Still later he traded that for 100 acres in Licking Township, Crawford County. In addition to exchanging his farm for the new one, he owed $450. Of the new farm 40 acres were under cultivation and the rest in brush and timber. There was a log cabin and stable on the land. Later he added to his holdings until at one time he owned 480 acres, but has since given 60 acres to each of his sons. Mr. Tracy has made all of the improvements on his estate, including his present residence.

On June 10, 1866, Mr. Tracy married Arminda Hill, daughter of Barton and Louisa (Eaton) Hill, and the following February moved on the farm which he now occupies. They became the parents of the following children: Etta May, born May 25, 1867, died March 20, 1899; Barton Willard, born May 8, 1869; Brazellar, born February 16, 1871; Jane, born October 18, 1873; Presley Wellington, born August 25, 1875, died March 2, 1898; Emma Josephine, born February 20, 1878; James A., born August 11, 1880, and

John, born August 15, 1884. Mrs. Tracy died April 22, 1888, and in 1889 Mr. Tracy married Mary J. Mills, daughter of Aaron and Sarah Mills, whose parents lived in Clark County, Ill.

Mr. Tracy cast his first vote for U. S. Grant and has been a Republican ever since. He served as school trustee for three years, and was road-boss for one year. In religious belief he is a member of the United Brethren Church, having joined it in 1872.

TRACY, George Washington.—The pioneer families of Crawford County have placed the people of this generation under heavy obligation, for the comforts and luxuries they now enjoy are the results of the labors of those who redeemed the country from the wilderness, and not only opened roads, built schools and churches, but cleared and tiled the land and developed towns and cities. George Washington Tracy is a member of just such a family, his father Elijah Tracy having come from Pennsylvania, where he was born April 11, 1815, to Crawford County in 1847. He entered 80 acres in Robinson Township, but added to it until he finally owned 300 acres. His wife was Nancy Myer, born in Ohio, October 19, 1821, and they had eleven children, seven sons and four daughters: Peter, born October 18, 1839; Jane, born April 11, 1841; Myer, born September 10, 1843; John, born January 5, 1844; Maranda, born March 28, 1846; Maritta, born April 11, 1847; Vanderhoff, born December 4, 1850; Mary Catherine, born November 9, 1853; Elijah, born January 24, 1858; George Washington; and one boy who died in infancy.

George Washington Tracy was born in Robinson Township, August 18, 1863. He attended the Grassy Hollow School until he was eighteen, and was married at his present home, which is the old homestead in Robinson Township, August 20, 1885, to Mary C. Hawkins, daughter of Thomas and Rachel Hawkins, by Justice David Steel. Their children are: Harry M., born September 3, 1886; Bertha E., born January 24, 1888, married Julius Furman, son of Shepard Furman, who is a farmer of Robinson Township; Vena, born November 12, 1890; William Arthur, born April 12, 1894, died February 7, 1900; Otto Otis, born September 28, 1898.

Mr. Tracy owns 112 acres of fine farm land, and has seven oil-producing wells upon his property. His home is an excellent residence of eight rooms, situated back from the road. One of the features of the house is a large side bay-window in which Mrs. Tracy has her plants, making a regular conservatory of it. She is very fond of flowers and in summer the yard is full of them. The house is supplied with natural gas, and every modern improvement. In politics Mr. Tracy is a Republican. He and his wife have been members of the United Brethren Church for ten years.

UPDIKE, William Walter, one of the promoters of the American Field Trial Sports, and one of the champion winners, was born near Robinson, Ill., December 6, 1870, a son of William and Elizabeth Maud Updike, the former of whom was born in Trenton, N. J., August 18, 1831, and the latter in Yorkshire, England, May 14, 1834. William Updike was a farmer, but later engaged in handling farm implements, and still later was a general merchant. The parents of Mr. Updike were married in Butler County, Ohio, November 8, 1853, and moved to Illinois in 1856, living for a short time near the new city of Robinson. Later they purchased a farm some distance from the city, and still later they bought another farm south of the place. In 1875 they moved to the home place south of Robinson now owned by William Walter Updike. William Updike was elected County Treasurer in 1877, and served one term, and was also a member of the Illinois Legislature, in which he served two terms, and being a prominent citizen of his day.

William Walter Updike attended the common and high school and received a good education. About twenty years ago he began raising and training pedigreed dogs, establishing what was known as the Maple Hill Kennels. His skill as a trainer soon became known everywhere, and later, in partnership with Sheriff James Pease of Chicago, he branched out and the establishment known as the American Llewellen Kennels was established. This now has national fame, very many of the best dogs that were in the first class at field trials being from these kennels, two especially noted being Robert Count Gladstone and Count Noble. Six of the most noted dogs are Flintstone, Dervish Girl, Chicago Boy, Invincible, Ned Buntline and May Gladstone. A great pointer was Drills Scout, whose grandsire and granddam have produced thirty-one winners. To begin to name all the dogs trained by Mr. Updike would be impossible. There is room for but one more, Invincible, who was universally recognized as the best hunting dog ever known.

One of the reasons of Mr. Updike's success is that he thoroughly breaks his dogs before they are allowed to start in a trial. Mr. Updike is also known as a breeder of the California quail and pheasant. He was given the undisputed title of best wing shot in the country. He has won many cups and medals, and not only pursues his calling as a business, but from a thorough love of sport. Governor Deneen has recognized the services Mr. Updike has rendered in this field by appointing him Game Warden. Mr. Updike is also engaged in the oil business with Mr. James Pease, owning in partnership several valuable oil leases.

In Robinson, September 26, 1895, Mr. Updike married Mary A. Mitchell, born near Robinson, January 14, 1867; no issue. Mr. and Mrs. Updike are charming people with hosts of friends, whom they entertain royally at their delightful home.

VANCE, M. T. (deceased), for many years a prosperous farmer of Licking Township, Crawford County, was born in Licking County, Ohio, February 9, 1834, a son of John E. Vance, born in the Shenandoah Valley, Va., August 18, 1797.

He came to Ohio in 1815 and married Maria Holden, daughter of Alexander Holden, who was born in Virginia, but came to Ohio in 1804, and died in that State. Mr. and Mrs. John E. Vance had children as follows: Alice, Riley, Mary Jane, Ruth, John A., Louis and M. T. Mr. Vance was reared on a farm, and educated in the common schools of Ohio. When, in 1847, his father came to Crawford County, he was fourteen years old, and had plenty of work helping clear the 120 acres his father bought soon after his arrival, in Section 33, Licking Township. The father died in 1855, and his widow in 1857. In 1859, M. T. Vance married Margaret Lamberson, and they had the following children: John A., Almenia A., Louis Clay, Ira Lincoln, Louisa, Margaret and Malone, twins, Emma M., and one who died in infancy.

VAN WINKLE, Francis Marion.—Thoroughly conversant with all the details of farming, in which occupation the active years of his life have been spent, Francis M. Van Winkle's familiarity with everything pertaining to agricultural life has resulted in a gratifying success that places him among the representative men of Crawford County. Mr. Van Winkle, farmer and stock-raiser of Section 31, Honey Creek Township, was born on his present farm January 3, 1867, a son of William Louis Van Winkle, a retired farmer of this township. William L. Van Winkle was born in Crawford County, near Palestine, January 21, 1833, a son of Jesse Van Winkle, deceased, who was born in Ohio, March, 1809, where he was reared until twelve years of age, when his parents came to Crawford County, and he was married to Susan Garrett. In 1830 he settled in Crawford County, and was among its first settlers, first locating near Palestine, where he remained a few years, and then about 1839 he moved to Honey Creek Township, where he entered land in the timber, half a mile north of the present homestead. This consisted of 50 acres, which he cleared off and there he lived, cultivating his land and improving it until his death. He added 30 acres to his original purchase.

William Van Winkle was the eldest of his parents' five children, four sons and one daughter. All of them were born in Crawford County, and three of them served in the Civil War, and two lost their lives in defense of the Union. Jesse Van Winkle was an ardent Republican. The education of William Van Winkle was secured in the township schools. On December 23, 1858, William Van Winkle married Fannie K. Sears, who was born in Honey Creek Township, September 1, 1841, a daughter of Adam Sears, now deceased, a pioneer of Crawford. They settled in the county at an early date, coming from Kentucky. Mrs. Van Winkle was also educated in the township schools. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. William Van Winkle: Julia, Samantha, Louisa (deceased), Alice, Francis Marion, and one who died in infancy, all born on the homestead. After marriage, William Van Winkle moved on his homestead, buying 40 acres. This farm he cleared with the help of his son, and added to it until it contained 125 acres. He made all the improvements and placed the land under cultivation. Since the formation of the party, he has been a Republican. When Mr. Francis Marion Van Winkle was only two years old, he had the misfortune to lose his mother, her death occurring July 22, 1870.

While attending the schools of his neighborhood, the younger Mr. Van Winkle assisted his father in the farm work, and he is now conducting the homestead, with very gratifying results. On October 11, 1899, he was married to Effie Crum, a native of the township, and a daughter of Andrew J. Crum, who was born in Indiana, married in Crawford County. Mrs. Van Winkle was carefully educated, attending the Robinson High School and Merom College, at Merom, Ind., and for four terms she was one of the teachers of Honey Creek and Martin Townships. She is the only daughter in a family of two children. Mr. and Mrs. Van Winkle have one son, William Jackson, who was born December 31, 1900. Mr. Van Winkle is a Democrat. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of Hardinville, No. 4697. He and Mrs. Van Winkle are members of the United Brethren Church, attending Zion's Church in Martin Township. He is Superintendent of the Sunday School, and takes a very active part in church work. As President of the Young People's Society of the church, he is kept busy, and is very much liked by all his associates in this good work.

VINSEL, Alva N.—Most intimately associated with the growth and character of any community are its agricultural interests. They mould the life of the people, give direction to their efforts, crystallize the present and future possibilities of a section into concrete form. The prosperous farmers of any township are its greatest benefactors, silently controlling the forces that bring progress and development, and the measure of their success is reflected in the advancement of their community. Alva N. Vinsel, farmer and stock-raiser of Section 10, Honey Creek Township, was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, May 14, 1856, a son of Samuel Vinsel, now deceased, a farmer of Honey Creek Township, although a native of Virginia. He was reared, and on March 15, 1833, was married in that State to Elizabeth Kern, who was born in Loudon County, Va., where she was reared and educated. They became the parents of six sons and two daughters, of whom Alva N. is the youngest. Four of the family died in childhood, the full family record being as follows: Isaiah, born February 12, 1834, died in September, 1906; John W., born March 29, 1836, died August 23, 1837; George F., born February 4, 1837, died August 24, 1848; Adam K., born March 21, 1840, died in August, 1902, a veteran of the Ninety-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry; Martin, born January 6, 1842, died January 12, 1843; Michael, born February 24, 1844, died January 22, 1862; Lavina, born January 16, 1846; Taylor F., born

September 2, 1848; Elizabeth, born June 3, 1853; and Alva N., May 14, 1856. The father of the foregoing family was born March 13, 1807, and the mother March 23, 1812.

From Virginia the family went to Ohio and thence to Iowa, but after a two years' stay there they finally came to Illinois in 1866, and settled in Honey Creek Township, where the father bought 80 acres of land. He and his sons cleared this off, but the strenuous work was too much for him, and he died August 1, 1869, although his widow survived him until June 1, 1901. From the formation of the party, Samuel Vinsel was a strong supporter of Republicanism, while in religious faith he was a Lutheran. A brother of Alva N. Vinsel, Taylor Vinsel, conducted the farm after his father's death until Alva was twenty years old, when he bought out the other interests and conducted it alone, adding to the original holding until he now owns 220 acres in Honey Creek, and 140 in Lawrence County. He has made all the present improvements on both properties and has some of the most valuable land in both Crawford and Lawrence counties.

On April 3, 1902, Mr. Vinsel married Martha Tedford, who was born in Montgomery Township, a daughter of John Melvin Tedford, a farmer and pioneer of Honey Creek Township. Mr. Tedford was born and reared in Tennessee, and there learned the trade of carpenter. This trade he followed in conjunction with his farming all his life. His marriage to Martha Stewart occurred in Tennessee, where she was born. In an early day Mr. and Mrs. Tedford came to Crawford County, settling in Montgomery Township, where they lived until death. He enlisted in 1861 in an Illinois volunteer infantry regiment, but was discharged on account of tuberculosis, from which disease he died shortly afterwards. He had a family of eight children, six of whom were born in Tennessee and two in Crawford County, all of whom lived to maturity, and of these Mrs. Vinsel is the youngest. She was educated in the district schools of her locality and was taught by her excellent mother to be a good housewife. Mr. Vinsel is a Republican, a Mason, and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In 1906 oil was discovered on his property, and he now has fourteen wells in operation. This has added very materially to the value of his land. Having resided on his present farm over forty years, Mr. Vinsel has seen many changes take place, and perhaps the most important is the development of the oil business. He remembers well when a man farmed his land just to get a living; now he operates this business just as any other business man does his, and as a result the farmer has taken his place among the captains of industry, and it is a very important one at that. He realizes today his importance and profits by it.

VOORHEIS, Henry Augustus. — Crawford County, Ill., owes its present prosperity to the efforts of men of perseverance, industry and intelligence, men who, while attaining their own success, have strengthened and built up the community about them, and prominent among this class of citizens may be mentioned Henry Augustus Voorheis, whose excellent 300-acre farm is situated one and one-half miles west of Hutsonville. Mr. Voorheis was born in Hutsonville Township, Crawford County, Ill., November 14, 1826, a son of Mahlon and Eliza (Tuttle) Voorheis, the former born in Morris County, N. J., March 29, 1797, and the latter in the same State, July 29, 1804. They were married May 12, 1824, and settled on the old Voorheis homestead farm in Crawford County, Ill., about 1821 or 1822, where Mahlon Voorheis followed the occupations of a farmer and broommaker until his death, which occurred February 6, 1848, his wife having passed away October 19, 1843. There were eleven children in the family, as follows: Mary T., born July 5, 1825, died in February, 1851; Henry Augustus; Sarah Elizabeth, born June 2, 1828, died April 28, 1856; Frances Jemima, born February 27, 1829, died of whoopingcough, January 20, 1837, her sister, Julia Ann, and brother, John, the baby, dying about the same time; Julia Ann, born November 24, 1831; Joseph Tuttle, born January 11, 1833, enlisted in the Civil War in 1861, and was killed by bushwhackers at Helena, Kan., October 22, 1863, when, as a member of a foraging party, he refused to surrender; David, born February 19, 1835, died at the home of Henry A. Voorheis, May 21, 1866; John, born September 27, 1836, died when nine months old; Emily Frances, born March 1, 1840, married William Morton Cox (now deceased), of Hutsonville Township, and she now lives in La Motte Township; Catherine Jemima, born December 27, 1841, died January 26, 1897, and John Cornelius, born October 18, 1843, and died when about nine months old.

Henry Augustus Voorheis was born in a log cabin in Hutsonville Township, and was educated at home by a cousin, 'Squire David Tuttle, who made him so proficient in his studies that at the age of twelve years he was an excellent penman and reader, far ahead of the boys of his age. He then attended a subscription school in the town of Hutsonville until becoming of age, when he went to work on his father's farm, later, however, leaving the parental roof to go to work on the farm of Nathan Musgrave from whom he received ten dollars per month and board. The following year he rented the farm of Mr. Musgrave, and after five years had saved enough to buy the old homestead, which had changed hands following the death of his father. In May, 1856, Mr. Voorheis returned to the old home place, bringing with him his wife, Eliza Ann (Cox) Voorheis, whom he had married May 8, 1856, the ceremony being performed by Rev. St. Clair, a Methodist Episcopal minister. Mrs. Voorheis was born in Hutsonville Township, March 12, 1833, daughter of Thomas and Deborah (Lindley) Cox, both natives of North Carolina, the former being born in 1805 and died in 1868, and the latter born about 1812, surviving her husband but a few years. Mr. and Mrs. Cox were married in Crawford County, whence both had

come with their parents. Mrs. Voorheis was the third of ten children, the family being: Zilpha Jane and Hannah, deceased; Mrs. Voorheis; Mary; William Morton, deceased; James L.; Maria; and Hannah, Lindley, and Thomas, all deceased. John L. and Thomas were Missionary Baptist ministers. To Mr. and Mrs. Voorheis there have been born six children: Emma C., born April 13, 1857, married F. J. Cooper, a former schoolteacher of Hutsonville Township, who later engaged in business in Robinson, and is now the proprietor of a drug store—they have two sons, Frank, a stenographer of Terre Haute, who is married and has one child, and Harry, who is his father's partner in the drug business; John M., born April 1, 1860, married (first) Alice Rains, by whom he had a son and daughter, Roy and May, and who died December 10, 1888, after which he married (as his second wife) Clarinda Sackrider, by whom he had a son, Ray; Charlie, born August 23, 1862, died February 26, 1865; Charles H., born February 24, 1865, married Ollie Lindley, daughter of Samuel and Harriet Lindley, by whom he had three children, all of whom are deceased; William Mahlon, born June 26, 1867, who is single and living with his father on the old homestead; and Mary, born June 15, 1870, married Thomas Lindley, son of Pratt and Eleanor Lindley, by whom she had eight children: Ellen, Truman, Audra, Blanche, Grace (deceased), Harrold, Voorheis and Ethel.

Mr. Voorheis has always been one of the township's progressive men, taking much interest in the success of the Republican party and serving as trustee of the Township School Board for a period of thirty-five years. He has been a member of the Society of Friends for about twenty years, and is now serving as elder. Mrs. Voorheis belongs to the Missionary Baptist denomination. Mr. Voorheis' fine farm of 300 acres, situated about one and one-half miles west of Hutsonville, is one of the best in his section of the county, and testifies to the thrift and intelligence of its owner, who is known throughout the township as a substantial man and useful citizen.

WALKER, George B. (deceased)—The late George B. Walker was a prominent and highly respected farmer and stock-raiser of Martin Township, and an early resident of Crawford County, who built up for himself a lasting reputation as an upright and honorable citizen in his business transactions. He was born in Indiana, April 22, 1829, a son of Aquilla Walker, deceased, a pioneer of Crawford County. Aquilla Walker settled in Indiana, where he married Elizabeth Dyer, and they became the parents of four children, of whom George B. Walker was the second. In 1852 the family came to Crawford County, Ill., settling in Martin Township on the property which is the Walker homestead the father originally entering 80 acres, which he improved with the help of his son. The latter added to the property until it consisted of 100 acres, and there the father and mother lived until the date of their demise. In politics the father was a Republican, and in religious faith a member of the Methodist Church.

On March 19, 1854, George B. Walker was married in Hardinville to Mary Lamb, who was born in North Carolina, May 17, 1830, a daughter of Dunn Lamb, deceased, by religious faith a Quaker, who was born in North Carolina, and there married Charlotte Morgan, whose parents died when she was a child and she was bound out. Although the husband was a Quaker, in order to please his bride, he consented to be married by a Baptist minister. Mrs. Walker is the ninth child in order of birth of the twelve children born of her parent's marriage. The Lamb family came to Crawford County, in 1835, after all their children had been born, and the father entered 120 acres in the Palestine land office. This he cleared and improved, and lived upon it until his death. He was a Whig in politics.

Mrs. Walker was educated in the primitive log school in Crawford County. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Walker lived at Hardinville for four years, where he was engaged in blacksmithing, and then they removed to the Walker homestead. Mr. Walker made the greater part of the present improvements, and followed farming until his death. In politics he was a Republican, and died firm in the faith of the Methodist Church. Although the land was valuable, the discovery of oil upon it in 1906 added to its worth, and there are now twelve wells on his land in active operation. Mr. and Mrs. Walker had children as follows: John Wesley, Calvin Q. (deceased), Charles Edward (deceased), Malvina, Elizabeth (deceased) Simon, Dora, George and William, all born in Martin Township. George has been prominent in educational matters. Mr. Walker was a man who enjoyed universal esteem, and his untimely demise was regretted by a large circle of acquaintances and friends.

WALKER, John W.—Many are liable to forget in these days of restless progress how much is due the pioneers who made possible the present advancement. They came into a wild country, overcame many difficulties, and prepared the way for others and for their own children. John W. Walker, a blacksmith and real estate dealer of Stoy, Ill., is a son of one of these pioneers, being born in Hardinville, Ill., January 28, 1855. His father, George B. Walker, now deceased, was a farmer of Martin Township and a native of Indiana, coming from that State to Crawford County when a young man. He settled in Hardinville and worked at his trade of blacksmithing until he purchased a farm north of Hardinville, which was a portion of his father's farm. George B. Walker was a son of Aquilla Walker, whose name is closely connected with the early pioneer history of Crawford County, an account of which is given elsewhere in this work.

John W. Walker was educated in the schools of Hardinville, and reared on the farm. Being the eldest of nine children he had to work hard,

but early learned how to take care of himself. He married, in Oblong Township, Margaret Prier, who was born in Martin Township, the daughter of James and Lucy Prier, pioneers of the county, who cleared up a large tract of land in Martin Township, where Mrs. Walker was reared and educated. Mr. and Mrs. Walker have had the following children: James, deceased; William E., Carrie D., Angeline, married Roy McKinney; Harry, Effie, George, and two others who died in infancy, all being born and reared in Crawford County, except one born in Arkansas.

For three years after their marriage Mr. Walker rented land in Martin Township, and then bought a farm in Oblong Township, but soon thereafter moved to Arkansas, where he remained for three years. Then returning to Crawford County, he traded his farm for five acres at Stoy, Ill., and owns the principal part of that place. He also owns ten acres in Martin Township upon which are two oil wells in active operation. Mr. Walker is a Republican politically and a member of the F. M. B. A. and other fraternal organizations. The United Brethren Church is his religious home. Mrs. Walker died in Martin Township, aged thirty-five years.

WALKER, Orlando.—Accustomed to farm life from earliest childhood, the farmer boys of Illinois are familiar with every detail of farm management, and perhaps that is why they are among the very best agriculturists of the world. In Crawford County are to be found many such farmers, and among them is to be numbered Orlando Walker, born at Palestine, Ill., May 1, 1851, a son of Charles S. Walker, and a grandson of Thomas and Mary (Shork) Walker. Thomas Walker came with his family to La Motte Township, Crawford County, Ill., about 1840, and purchased some of his land from the Government and some from those who had preceded him to the county, and at one time owned about 1,500 acres, a great deal of which he improved with the assistance of his sons. He and his wife were the parents of the following named children: Alice, who married Roswell Hale; Eliza, who married (first) David Johnson and (second) Robert Martin; Margaret, who married Joseph Pifer; James; Jane S., who married (first) Elijah Pifer and (second) Andrew Mulvane; Charles S.; George L.; and Caroline C., who married (first) Lorenzo D. Legg and (second) George B. Higgins. All the foregoing are now deceased. Charles S. Walker was born July 20, 1825, in Ohio, and died March 9, 1869, having been an early farmer and stock-raiser and shipper of Crawford County. He married Sarah Vermilion and they had these children: Orlando, who is the only survivor; Mary L., who married James B. Seeders; Elsie F. and Eva C.

Educated in the district school, Mr. Walker always worked in La Motte Township and finally began buying land, to which he has added until he now owns 550 acres of as good land as can be found in the county. He is an extensive stock-breeder, and makes a specialty of registered Duroc hogs, which he raises and ships to breeders all over the United States. His fine farm is known as Fairview Farm. His acres are brought up to the highest state of cultivation, and his barns and other buildings are of the latest pattern and supplied with every modern device. In politics, Mr. Walker is a Republican, and served as tax collector of Crawford County for four years. Fraternally he is a Knight of Pythias, and a member of the Modern Woodmen.

On November 16, 1871, Mr. Walker married Matilda Wright of La Motte Prairie. She was the daughter of Andrew J. and Lucinda (Spain) Wright and died on the home farm, April 20, 1906. The children born of this marriage were: Virgil, born June 17, 1875, married Sarah Belle Wesner, daughter of Lon Wesner, and they have one child, Paul W.; Jesse, born December 14, 1877, married Minnie Kaywood, and they have two children, Ruth and Geneva; Horace W., born February 29, 1880, is not married and lives at home; and Annie June, born June 1, 1884, is also single and living at home.

WALKER, William Dun.—Nature has done much to make Crawford County a desirable abiding place, especially for the farmer, for the climatic conditions are such as to insure good crops, the soil is fertile and hidden in the ground are vast supplies of natural gas and oil. Transportation facilities are almost unsurpassed, so that the marketing of produce is an easy matter and the farmers of this locality are prospering greatly. Prominent among them is William Dun Walker, who was born in Crawford County, near Hardinville, March 13, 1869, a son of George B. and Mary M. (Lamb) Walker.

George B. Walker came to Crawford County at an early day from Greene County, Ind., north of Worthington. The mother's family was from North Carolina. The following children were born to George B. Walker and wife: John Wesley, who married Margaret Prier, daughter of James and Lucy Prier, they have five boys and three girls; Calvin L. and Charles Edward, both unmarried; Charlotte M., who married John Shire, son of Christopher Shire, and they have two daughters and live on a farm in Crawford County; George B., Jr., who married Jane Harter, of Crawford County, and they have one son and three daughters and live in Robinson; and Dora, who married William Ducummun and they have three daughters—Effie, Frances and Mary. The deceased children of George B., Sr., and his wife, Mary (Lamb) Walker, were Simon and Lizzie, both dying when quite young. The children of George B., Jr., are Guy, Ruth, Ruby and Opal.

William Dun Walker attended district school, at the Union Star School, until he was nineteen, when he began farming. On January 8, 1891, he was married to Effie Myrtle Mann, by the Rev. Salathiel Lamb, and one child was born of this union, a son, who died in infancy, March 4, 1894. Mrs. Walker is a daughter of Abel H. and Susan (Harter) Mann, both father and mother being from Stark County, Ohio, near Dayton. Mrs. Walker is one in a family of seven chil-

dren as follows: William K., Ota, Ora P., Ida, Everett L., Mrs. Walker and Ivy. By a former marriage her father had three children.

Mr. Walker owns 66 acres of fine farming land, and has a comfortable residence upon it. He also owns 160 acres south of Gordon Station. In politics he is a Republican. Both he and his wife belong to the Methodist Church of which he has been a member for about twenty-one years and his wife for twenty-three years, both being active in Sunday School work. Mr Walker for a time was Superintendent of the Sunday School. They are very substantial people and widely and favorably known in the community where they have spent their lives.

WALL, John.—In early life accustomed to the hard work that develops the mind and body, filled with the struggle in which the white man contested with the wild beasts and almost as savage red man for the possession of what were then wild lands, but now are the site of large cities, fertile farms and valuable oil property, John Wall has lived many lives in his seventy-five years and his experiences might well fill volumes instead of a single page. Mr. Wall was born on a farm two miles east of Robinson, September 24, 1833, a son of Thomas P. and Mary (Everman) Wall, from Tennessee and Kentucky, respectively. The father of Thomas P. Wall was Peter Wall, who was reared in South Carolina but moved to Tennessee and thence to Jasper County, Ill., where he died. The mother of John Wall was a daughter of William Everman, who first located in Crawford County but later moved to Jasper County, Ill. Thomas Wall located two miles east of Robinson on 120 acres of government land, some time between 1820 and 1830, being still unmarried. William Everman was also a very early settler, coming to Palestine, Ill., while the fort at that place was still occupied by the soldiers, later the family being compelled to occupy the fort, on account of a raid by Indians. Thomas P. Wall bought a farm about three miles northwest of Robinson, but later sold this and purchased 120 acres of government land on Big Creek, in Oblong Township, where he continued to reside until his death.

During his early youth deer, wolves, wild turkeys and game of all kinds were to be found in abundance around the home of John Wall. His school advantages were limited, but he made the most of them, and worked hard in the intervals on his father's farm. The public school system was not yet inaugurated and the only schools then held were those known as subscription schools, for which the parents paid so much for each child. In time, John Wall came into possession of the homestead, where he remained until 1904, when he bought his present pleasant home and is now conveniently located in Oblong, where he can rest from his labors in the enjoyments his toil has earned. Mr. Wall is a very extensive oil producer, having thirty-three good wells on his land, nineteen being on one farm and the others on Big Creek, this last named farm being only one and three-quarter miles from town.

On January 16, 1855, Mr. Wall was married in Oblong Township to Minerva Elizabeth McCrillis, born in Fairfield County, Ohio, November 17, 1836, a daughter of John and Eliza Ann McCrillis. Mr. McCrillis was born in Perry County, Ohio, but his wife was born in Pennsylvania and taken to Ohio when about seven years old. Mr. and Mrs. Wall have had children as follows: George W., born October 27, 1856, married, has four children and lives in Oklahoma, where he is a farmer; Eliza Ann, born December 14, 1859, married, has five children, and lives in Oklahoma, where her husband is a farmer; Susan Cordelia, born March 20, 1862, died at the age of two years; David Arthur, born May 23, 1861, died when eighteen months old; Mary Elizabeth, born September 5, 1864, married George W. Murdock, a farmer at Oblong, where she died at thirty-six. In politics, Mr. Wall is a Republican but has never sought office. A man of means, he has earned his success through enterprise, hard work and economy and the result has been well merited.

WALL, William T.—Living in the township where he was born, December 30, 1857, and has grown up to useful manhood, now owning a fine farm on Section 9, Oblong Township, Crawford County, William T. Wall is one of its most representative men. Mr. Wall is a son of John Wall, was educated in the district schools of Oblong Township and, at the same time, was engaged in farming. On December 31, 1878, he was married on the old McCrillis place, to Minerva Snider, who was born in Jasper County, Ill., a daughter of Henry Snider, now deceased. She visited in Kentucky, but returned to Jasper County.

For about six years after his marriage Mr. Wall rented land, and then about 1884 located on his present farm, which his father had purchased years before. The farm consists of 80 acres, all well improved and supplied with good buildings, Mr. and Mrs. Wall have children as follows, all born in the township: Joseph K, married and has two children; William R.; Malcom E.; Fennel P.; John H., married and has one child; Harry T.; M. Elizabeth; Frank, and Cora M.

In February, 1907, oil was discovered on Mr. Wall's property, and nineteen wells are now in active operation, which has greatly enhanced the value of the land. Mr. Wall has long been a Republican, and in the spring of 1908 he was elected Commissioner of the Township. He is a member of the United Brethren Church, and a worthy, industrious and thrifty man whose success is well merited.

WALTER, George Lowry, Superintendent and Commissioner of Streets, and a man who has given his work long and careful attention, is one of the substantial residents of Robinson, who was born in Bellefontaine, Logan County, Ohio, March 13, 1851, a son of William Wiggin and Abigail (Lowry) Walter. The father was born in Philadelphia, October 25, 1812, while the mother was born in the same city, April 12, 1818. the parents coming to Logan County, Ohio, after marriage in

Philadelphia, March 1, 1843. William W. Walter died in Robinson, Ill., November 22, 1900, but his widow survived him until June 16, 1907.

George Lowry Walter attended the common and high school, and then went to the college at Bunker Hill, Macoupin County, Ill., after which he learned the trade of brick-making, and learned it well, embarking thereafter as a contractor, and being engaged in work on many of the most important buildings in Robinson. Later he commenced farming on 360 acres of fine farming land three miles west of Robinson, where later oil was discovered, and he now has twenty-three good wells on his farm property. His home is one of the most delightful in Robinson, the residence being shaded by old forest trees and beautified by flowers and shrubbery. It stands far back from the noise and dust of the highway, and is very attractive both inside and out.

Mr. Walter has always been a stanch Republican, and in 1894 was elected Sheriff of Crawford County as the successor of Captain Sheriff Hand. After serving his term of office, Mr. Walter remained deputy sheriff under Sheriff A. B. Houston. For twelve years Mr. Walter has been a member of the Board of Education; was Supervisor for eight terms, and three years collector of county taxes. He also served five years as First Lieutenant of Illinois National Guard. For fifteen years he has been active in the work of the Methodist Church, and is now serving as trustee of that body.

On February 25, 1877, Mr. Walter married in Robinson Township, Miss Mary A. Henderson, daughter of Hickman and Rebecca Henderson, pioneers of Crawford County. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter: A. Estella, born October 21, 1879, married May 24, 1905, Talbot C. Parker, and they live at Enid, Okla.; William H., born September 19, 1881, died July 7, 1902; Roscoe C., born August 26, 1883; Helen May, born November 7, 1885, married February 18, 1905, to Earl Eaton and they live in Corpus Christi, Texas, and have one child, Elizabeth, born August 5, 1906; Gladys, born February 3, 1888; W. Virgil, born November 23, 1890, and Floyd, born July 10, 1893, died December 2, 1893. The same scrupulous care that has characterized his private business career has been manifested in his devotion to the interests of the public, and his record is one of which he may well be proud.

WALTERS, Jacob Lincoln.—Existence in the frontier region of Illinois seventy years ago was not what it is to-day, for then it was full of the tragedy of Indian warfare, that has been gradually softened by peace and religion. In that struggle in which man pitted himself against primeval forest and aboriginal inhabitants, the strongest types of manhood and womanhood were evolved. The pioneer men and women of this great commonwealth, were brave indeed, and those who come after them have something of which they may justly be proud.

Jacob Lincoln Walters comes of old pioneer stock and in early life was accustomed to the hard work incident to life under such conditions. He was born in La Motte Township, Crawford County, Ill., a son of Jacob and Stacy (McColpin) Walters. Jacob Walters was a native of Kentucky, and seventy years ago came to Crawford County, and bought 700 acres of wild land, which, assisted by his children, he cleared off and placed under cultivation. Jacob Walters was a soldier in the Black Hawk War, and helped to protect himself and his neighbors from the depredations of the Indians. His death occurred in La Motte Township in 1866, when he was about fifty years of age.

Jacob Lincoln Walters was born July 3, 1860, and like the majority of boys of his day, was educated in the district school and worked on the farm, where he learned the business of farming in all its details, and which has since continued to be his vocation. He owns 80 acres of land on which he broke the first ten acres of prairie sod with his own hands. This property he bought in 1881, and has lived on ever since. The substantial home and barns were built by him, and the property is kept up in a way that shows that he appreciates the value of his possessions. Mr. Walters is a School Trustee and has been Highway Commissioner.

On September 12, 1882, Mr. Walters was married on the farm in La Motte Township, the Rev. William R. Emmons officiating, to Maggie Wright, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Wright, natives of Kentucky and pioneers of Crawford County. One child has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Walters, Georgie, born September 16, 1883. Mr. and Mrs. Walters are members of the Methodist Church of Palestine, with which Mr. Walters has been connected for the past thirty years.

WATT, George.—To be born on the land he now owns is a distinction that does not come to every man. The land bought by a father, and developed by him, is more valuable to the son of the average kind, than any he might buy. George Watt of Honey Creek Township, Crawford County, Ill., a prosperous farmer and stockraiser residing on Section 28, is no exception to this rule, and he takes pride in the fact that he was born there September 21, 1862, a son of Nathaniel Watt, now deceased, who was born in Kentucky, in 1829. Nathaniel Watt was reared and educated in his native State, but when a young man he came to Illinois and settled in Honey Creek Township, Crawford County, on 160 acres of timber land. After clearing this property and placing it under cultivation, he sold it and bought the home now occupied by Mr. George Watt. This consisted originally of 100 acres, but during the remainder of his life he added to his holdings until at the time of his death he had 190 acres, which he had partly cleared and improved.

Nathaniel Watt was married in Honey Creek Township, in 1859, to Sarah E. Ross, a native of Tennessee, who was reared in that State, but came to Crawford County with her father, James S. Ross, a farmer of Montgomery Township, who cleared off about 60 acres in that Township. Mr.

and Mrs. Nathaniel Watt were the parents of eight children, three sons and five daughters, and George Watt is the second child. All the children were born in Honey Creek Township. Nathaniel Watt was a Democrat politically, and was a consistent member of the Methodist Church.

George Watt was brought up on the farm which he now occupies, and received his education in the district schools of his neighborhood, meanwhile helping his father clear the land. On April 9, 1885, he married Lizzie Crum, a native of Honey Creek Township, and a daughter of J. C. Crum, a farmer and early settler of the Township, who was born in Kentucky, but came to Crawford County in young manhood, and located in Honey Creek Township, where he cleared off about 80 acres. Mr. and Mrs. George Watt have had six children, all born in Honey Creek. Mr. Watt has made many improvements upon his farm, which is in a good state of cultivation. He devotes his attention to general farming and stock-raising. Politically he has always been a Democrat, although not an office-seeker.

WATTLEWORTH, John J.—The life of a farmer is one to be envied, in spite of the hard work and constant struggle, for it is so independent. The man who owns a farm has the means of obtaining a living always at hand, and is not subject to the exactions of a labor market. John J. Wattleworth of Section 9, Oblong Township, is an example of what can be accomplished through industry, enterprise and thrift. He was born on the Isle of Man, December 28, 1836, a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Cowin) Wattleworth, both born and reared in the Isle of Man, where they were also married. They were the parents of these children: Cæsar (deceased), Leonora (deceased), John J., and Emily, who still resides in the Isle of Man. The mother died in her native land, and the father of this family and his sons John and Cæsar came to America, in 1856, settling in Ohio, but in March, 1857, they came to Crawford County, Ill., and the three, the father, John and Cæsar, rented the William Hill place in Oblong Township. Later they rented the King farm for about five years. Finally, Samuel Wattleworth and son Cæsar bought the James Wilson farm, to which they moved and made it their home for the remainder of their lives, Samuel dying in 1882, and Cæsar in 1900.

John J. Wattleworth was reared in the Isle of Man and was twenty-one years old when the location of the family was made in Crawford County. In 1864 he married Mary Mikeworth, adopted daughter of David Mikeworth of Robinson, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Wattleworth became the parents of children as follows: Lenore, Arthur Edward, Agatha M., James Russell and J. Fred, all born in Oblong Township. Shortly after his marriage, Mr. Wattleworth took up his residence on his present farm, which then contained 182 acres, and he made nearly all the improvements on his property which has become under his good management very valuable. Mr. Wattleworth is a Republican, and has served as School Director. He is a member of the Methodist Church and is a man widely known and respected. He has a farm of 120 acres, upon which there are fifteen producing oil wells.

WEGER, John P., for many years a prominent farmer and stockman of Honey Creek Township, Crawford County, was born in Lawrence County, Ill., April 7, 1839, son of William Weger, who was born in Eastern Tennessee, about 1808. William Weger came to Crawford County with his parents in 1828, and in 1832 he married Elizabeth Highsmith by whom he had ten children: John W., Melissa, Matilda, Mary E., Margaret, Joseph, George R., Eliza A., James William, and one who died in infancy. After the death of his first wife in 1853, William Weger married Nancy Lackey, and they had four children: William Jasper, Jesse N., Sarah Ann and Charles S. John P. Weger was reared to farm life and endured the hardships incident to pioneer environments, but by working hard he finally secured an excellent farm and made himself felt in the community. Mr. Weger married in Crawford County, April 2, 1868, Lavina Jones, daughter of Lewis and Polly Jones, born August 6, 1801, and 1807, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Weger have had five children: Mary Elizabeth, Josephine, John O., Carl Carson and Louisa. He and his wife are both members of the Methodist Church. Fraternally he is a Mason, and was Worthy Master for many years.

WEIRICH, Simon.—To farm successfully and to raise stock economically requires experience and a natural inclination for the work. A farmer is as much a business man as a merchant or a real-estate dealer. Some of the best business men are to be found on the farms in Crawford County, and not in its cities, and Simon Weirich of Martin Township, Section 26, is one of them. He was born in De Kalb County, Ind., February 5, 1852, a son of Isaac Weirich, the latter born in Lebanon County, Pa., February 4, 1826. Isaac Weirich received his early education in Pennsylvania, but when about eleven years old, his father moved with his family to Ohio, where he bought a farm and the lad continued his education, in the meantime also learning the shoemaker's trade, which later he followed in connection with farming. At nineteen years of age he was married to Eliza Reinoehl, who was born November 20, 1829, and reared in Pennsylvania. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Weirich: Lucinda, Simon, John Henry, who died in infancy; Alice, Laura and Emma E. After his marriage, Isaac Weirich moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and bought a farm where his first three children were born. Four years later he came to Illinois with wagons, and settled near New Hebron for a short time and then moved onto Section 26, Martin Township, where he bought 80 acres of land, on which there was a log house. With the exception of ten acres which were cleared, the land was covered with brush and timber, but he cleared it, brought the land

under cultivation, and made it his home until his death, December 10, 1903. In the meanwhile he added to his possessions until at the time of his demise, he was the owner of 320 acres. For three years he served in the Civil War, enlisting under Captain Peterson Sharp, in Company D, Thirtieth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, on August 12, 1861, and was honorably discharged August 26, 1864. For many years he was a member of the United Brethren Church, and during his later years was a class leader.

Simon Weirich was about four years old when his father came to Martin Township, and he was there educated, attending school until eighteen, at the same time helping his father on the farm. He remained at home until his marriage, which occurred when he was twenty-one, with Philinda Jane Parks, the daughter of Major A. Parks, who was a pioneer of Crawford County. Mrs. Weirich was born in Southern Indiana, and was twelve years old when the family came to Illinois, where she was reared and educated. Mr. and Mrs. Weirich are the parents of the following children: William E., born August 31, 1874; James A., born August 27, 1876; Isaac H., born October 16, 1878; Mary E., born July 5, 1880; Clara B., born April 13, 1882; Margaret A., born May 2, 1884; Effie M., born November 13, 1886; Hattie O., born February 16, 1890; Ethel F., born March 25, 1892; Jennie Grace, born June 13, 1893, and Gladys, born September 11, 1896.

After his marriage Mr. Weirich bought 20 acres of land which was improved and had a house on it. With his father's help he bought 40 acres more, but later traded the 20 acres for 17 acres where he now resides, owning now 57 acres. Oil was found in September, 1906, and he has thirteen wells on his property. Mr. Weirich has always been a Democrat. Religiously he has been a member of the New Light Christian Church for a long time, and is now a trustee of that body. He is an industrious, hard working, thrifty man, whose success has come from his own efforts and is certainly well deserved.

WESNER, Emily Guyer.—The Guyer family is one of the old established families of Crawford County, the revered John Aaron Guyer, with his eloquent wife, Jane Guyer, having been born here at an early day. Mrs. Guyer, now deceased, was for many years one of the leading preachers of the Society of Friends in this locality, and one of her sons, Cyrus Guyer, is carrying on the work she commenced. Mrs. Wesner was born in Hutsonville Township, August 10, 1873, a daughter of John Aaron and Jane Guyer. On December 24, 1893, she married Harlan Wesner, a son of James and Johanna (Grant) Wesner. The following family were born to them: Edith Myrl, born March 14, 1895; Edna Jane, born May 13, 1898; Stacey Erney, born December 9, 1900; Noah Wilbur, born January 4, 1902; and Irene Isabelle, born October 12, 1904.

James Wesner was born in Crawford County, Ill., while his wife was born in Indiana. He enlisted in the Civil War and served gallantly as a private. His death occurred in 1876, in Montgomery Township, Crawford County. James Wesner and wife had the following family: John Wesley, Joseph Henry, William Harrison, James Allen, Albert Newton, Harlan and Harmon (twins), Samuel and an unnamed son (twins), the latter dying in infancy. The Wesner family have always been associated with agricultural pursuits, and Harlan Wesner is one of the prosperous young farmers of the township, where he is well and favorably known. He is a Prohibitionist in politics, but has never aspired to political position, but in view of his popularity there seems no doubt that he will be called upon to represent his party in local affairs. Mr. and Mrs. Wesner are prominent in the Society of Friends and take an active interest in the good work of that church.

WESNER, George L.—After a life spent in agricultural pursuits upon the farm of 185 acres, which he now owns in his native township, George L. Wesner has gradually risen until he now is one of the representative men of his locality. Mr. Wesner was born in La Motte Township, Crawford County, January 23, 1851, a son of James and Margaret (Kent) Wesner, born July 17, 1820, and August 12, 1819, respectively.

James Wesner, who was a son of George Wesner, the grandfather of George L., was born in La Motte Township, his father having come to Crawford County at a very early day. The latter was born May 7, 1765, and was a soldier in the War of 1812, taking part in the battle of New Orleans, while his brother was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. James Wesner was brought up on the homestead, and, as the youngest of the family, took care of his parents in their declining years. Early in life he united with the Christian Church of Palestine, and religious services were often held in his home, the present East Union Church of La Motte Township being started in this way. During the Civil War his sympathies were with the Union cause, and he was always ready with sympathy and money to aid those who were suffering from the burden of that contest. His home was always open to those who needed its hospitality, and whenever a minister of the gospel was anywhere in the neighborhood, "Uncle Jim," as he was affectionately called, was not content unless he was with him. He was married on October 7, 1840, to Margaret Kent, who was a native of North Carolina, born August 12, 1819, the daughter of Thomas and Ellen (Connerly) Kent, and was brought to Crawford County, Ill., by her parents when about five years old.. The eight children of the Kent family, of whom Mrs. Wesner was the youngest, and for some time previous to her death the only survivor, were as follows: Jasper, Needham, William, Thomas, Elizabeth Canada, Joseph, John and Margaret. Mrs. Wesner bore her husband the following named children: Eleanor, born November 15, 1841; Benjamin Franklin, born December 3, 1842, and served during the Civil War by enlistment in the Eleventh Missouri Volunteer Infantry under Captain Samuel Galloway; Uriah, born January 16, 1844; Elizabeth, born August 12, 1846;

George L., born January 23, 1851; Alpheus, born February 28, 1853; Belle, born July 29, 1854; and Rosa, born December 1, 1856, and married G. W. Hawkins. In 1841 Mrs. Wesner joined the Baptist Church, a year later united with the Christian Church of Palestine, and during the latter years of her life was a member of the East Union Church. On July 25, 1889, Mr. Wesner died in the home in which he was born, his death occurring at the age of sixty-nine years and eight days, the event being deplored by a large circle of friends. His widow survived him until August 17, 1907, residing after her husband's death with her youngest daughter, Mrs. Rosa Hawkins, when her death occurred at the age of eighty-eight years and eight days. Funeral services were held in the East Union Church, of which she was a member, being conducted by Rev. P. C. Cauble, of Vincennes, Ind., assisted by Rev. C. W. Freeman, of Newton, and attracting a large multitude of appreciative friends.

George L. Wesner attended the district schools of his neighborhood in the winter and worked on the farm in the summer until he was nineteen. On November 29, 1871, he was married to Mary E. Fulling, daughter of Henry and Samina (McColpin) Fulling. Mr. and Mrs. Wesner have had these children: Belle, born August 18, 1874, married Virgil Walker, a son of Orlando and Tillie Walker, and they have one child,—Paul, born January 25, 1900; Harry H., born January 26, 1876, was married to Carrie E. Goodwin at the residence of the bride's father, on February 27, 1900, Rev. P. C. Campbell, and they have four children: Mabel, born June 24, 1901; Myrtle, born February 24, 1903; Melva, born January 15, 1905; and Earl, born August 28, 1906. Mrs. Harry H. Wesner was born January 18, 1878, and is a daughter of Elisha and Sarah Ellen (Adams) Goodwin.

Mrs. George L. Wesner was born February 20, 1853, the second in the family born to her parents, the others being: John T., born August 23, 1850; Sarah E., born August 8, 1855; twins, both deceased; and Henry A., born June 4, 1863. Henry Fulling was born May 18, 1824, in Essen, Germany, and Mrs. Fulling was born on the old Paris farm in Montgomery Township, Crawford County, in August, 1826, married in 1849, and died February 5, 1906, when nearly eighty years old. For forty years she had been a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, her funeral being conducted in the church of that denomination, the Rev. C. T. Phillips officiating. She was one of the revered ladies of her community, and the list of her many good deeds would fill many pages.

In politics George L. Wesner is a Republican, and fraternally belongs to the T. K. of P. He and his wife have been members of the Christian Church for thirty-four years. The home farm of 185 acres in La Motte Township is one of the best in the township, while the residence is a very comfortable one. The same spirit of hospitality which distinguished both the Wesner and Fulling families, animates Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Wesner, and they cordially welcome their many friends and relatives.

WHITAKER, H. E.—Few enterprises of a public character in Robinson, Ill., have been promoted without the assistance and approval of H. E. Whitaker, who, for many years, has been one of its most progressive merchants and public-spirited citizens. He realizes the influence for good upon the individual of a city thoroughly modern, and uses in his handling of public matters the same zeal that had placed him in the foremost ranks of the business men of his home city. Mr. Whitaker was born in Crawford County, son of Josiah Whitaker, but was reared and educated in Terre Haute, Ind., and Greenville, Ill. When sixteen years of age he came to Robinson to serve as clerk for E. E. Murphy & Co., and remained in that position for a number of years, making himself very useful to the house and learning the business in all its details. Then he resigned to travel for two years for a wholesale shoe-house, and thus gained a very valuable knowledge of shoes, which he was later to find useful. In 1889 he purchased the interest of T. P. Swearingen, in the firm of Murphy & Co., but nine years later he sold out, and embarked in the dry-goods business which he owned as sole proprietor up to the year 1905, when he organized the H. E. Whitaker Co., Incorporated, of which Mr. Whitaker was elected President, with Samuel Faucett, Treasurer, and J. Emerson Apple, Secretary. The H. E. Whitaker Co. is most pleasantly located in the Jones Block on the east side of the square. The interior of his large establishment is in white and the general effect is very pleasing. The basement contains the carpet, rug and curtain departments, while on the main floor is carried a full line of suits, dress fabrics, corsets, shoes, underwear, cloaks, and other dry goods, all of which are most carefully selected with a view to meeting the requirements of the most exacting both as to quality, variety and price, their wide connections and the extent of their business enabling them to offer inducements afforded by few of their competitors.

Mr. Whitaker was married to Miss Cora Young, daughter of Aaron and Sarah (Yates) Young, her father being a farmer of Morea, Crawford County, Ill. Three children have been born of this union: Florence, born June 7, 1891; Harry, born October 1, 1896, and Frances, born October 17, 1901. Florence is in the third year of the High School while Harry and Frances are in the second year in the common school. They are bright young people, fond of their studies and teachers.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitaker have a beautiful home at No. 400 North Jefferson Street, but in 1909 he is proposing to build a larger residence, on the same site, to cost not less than $10.000. He has extensive holdings in oil-lands and much other valuable property, and is one of the most substantial men of the county. In politics he is a Republican and in church matters is a Methodist, contributing liberally towards the support

of that denomination. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen and Ben Hur orders. In business affairs he has been remarkably successful, and achieved the reward and prominence which his efforts and ability have merited.

WHITE, Francis M.—Martin Township, Crawford County, is the home of a number of enterprising, progressive-spirited men who not only are interested in cultivating their land, but in maintaining the prosperity of their community, and securing its further advancement. Francis M. White is one of these men, now conveniently located on Section 25, Martin Township, but born in Clay County, Ind., April 30, 1856, a son of Edward White, the latter being a native of Kentucky, born June 16, 1822, and died June 9, 1883. On August 15, 1840, he married Elizabeth Hedleston, who was born April 11, 1824, and died November 29, 1899. After their marriage in Indiana, Mr. White bought 80 acres of timber land in Clay County, Ill., to which he moved in 1856, and there he remained until his death. He worked hard clearing off his land, and the log house which was their first home, he rebuilt into a comfortable home.

Francis M. White was reared on this homestead, receiving a common school education, and remained with his father until his marriage September 23, 1883, to Catherine E. Kearns, a daughter of James and Katherine J. (Reace) Kearns. The mother was a daughter of Uriah R. Reace. Mr. and Mrs. White have had these children: Hester B., Bessie E., Sylvia N., Hazel O., Freeman S., Basil S., Dale G. During the year of his marriage, Mr. White having lost his father by death, he then moved from Clay City, where he had been engaged in teaming, to the paternal homestead, but later went to Crawford, County, where he bought 40 acres in Martin Township, and this he cleared up and lived in a small house 16x24 feet, with a lean-to kitchen. Later he bought 20 acres of land, the greater part of which he has cleared. He then bought another 20 acres, located on Section 35, owning in all 80 acres. His first home having been destroyed by fire, he bought his present home, which is a comfortable one, well supplied with appliances of modern make. Mr. White is a member of the New Light Christian Church and in politics is a stanch Republican. For three years he served as Township Commissioner, and was School Director for twelve years.

WILKIN, H. O. (deceased), was born in Crawford County, Ill., and received a fair common school education, supplemented by attendance at the Marshall High School. In 1862 Mr. Wilkin enlisted in the Ninety-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, attached to the Army of the Cumberland, and participated in the battles of Stone River, Hartsville, Chickamauga and in the Atlanta campaign. In 1865 he came to Robinson, Ill., and served as clerk for Haskett Brothers, for eight years, when he entered the grocery business with S. B. Allen. After a year's absence in Minnesota, Mr. Wilkin returned and bought an interest in a mill, later selling this and engaging in farming, eventually purchasing a farm. Once more he embarked in a grocery business under the name of Wilkin & Callagan, but sold his interest in December, 1882. On August 31, 1869 he married Sarah E. King of Robinson, daughter of Ira King, and they had three children: Ralph, Anna and Ira, who grew to maturity, and one, Lelia, who died younger.

WILKIN, John H.—Farming for a business and not just for a living, is the creed of the Illinois farmer. He works as hard, perhaps, as did the old farmer, but in a higher way. Science in agriculture is of quite recent birth, but is progressing rapidly, and the agriculturist of today is learning not only what grains are best suited to certain soils, but also how to feed well and economically his stock so as to get the best results. Not only are the young farmers realizing the advantages of scientific farming, but the older ones are taking to the new ideas and acting upon their years of experience, developing much out of them. John H. Wilkin, one of the pioneer farmers and stock-raisers of Crawford County, residing on Section 18, Oblong Township, was born in Licking County, Ohio, July 22, 1825, and his father, Jacob Wilkin, a pioneer of Oblong Township, was born in Shenandoah County, Va., where he was reared and educated. When a young man, Jacob Wilkin went to Ohio, locating on a farm in Licking County, where he was married to Catherine Burner, born in Shenandoah County, Va. They had ten children, nine sons and one daughter, the latter of whom died in infancy. Of the brothers, John H. was the second in order of birth. Jacob Wilkin had learned the cabinet-maker's trade in Ohio, which he followed as well as farming. In 1852 he brought his family to Oblong Township, Crawford County, and entered 1,060 acres of land, and began at once to clear it and place it under cultivation. He improved 160 acres, and gave 100 acres to each of his nine sons, who cleared off their land. He was always a Democrat. He became a Granger. A devout member of the Lutheran Church, he died firm in its faith in 1856, at the age of sixty-two. For many reasons he was known throughout the County, and was much respected.

John H. Wilkin was twenty-seven years old when he located for the second time in Oblong Township, his first location here having been in 1848, when he began living on a part of the land his father had entered from the Government. His wife died the same year, and he returned to Ohio, where he remained until 1852. His first marriage had occurred in Ohio in 1846 to Lavina Hilton, who was born and reared in Ohio. They had one son, William Newton, born September 22, 1847, now living in Tiffin, Ohio. Mrs. Wilkin died in Oblong Township, December 1, 1848, and in 1850, Mr. Wilkin married in Ohio, Emily Wilson, who was born and reared in that State. They had two children: Mary Frances, born December 26, 1851; and Harriet, who died shortly after the death of her mother, which occurred in Crawford County. On March 1, 1855, Mr. Wilkin was

married to Mary Comley, a native of Ohio, and a daughter of Bazel Comley, a member of a prominent family of that State. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkin have had three children: Lafayette Clarence, born October 31, 1856; Lucy Emily, born February 13, 1859; and Rosa Ann, born October 16, 1862, who died October 22, 1866, all three children being born in Oblong Township.

At one time Mr. Wilkin had 200 acres of land and cleared it all off and made many improvements upon it. In 1907 oil was discovered on his place and he now has thirty wells in active operation, and this greatly enhances the value of his property. In politics he is a Democrat and, as Supervisor and School Trustee, has taken an active interest in local affairs. He also has been a Granger, and a member of the Presbyterian Church. His younger son is a minister of the Methodist Church, having been engaged in the ministry for eighteen years. Mr. Wilkin is a self-made man who enjoys in the highest degree the confidence and esteem of all who have the honor of his acquaintance.

WILKIN, J. J.—The farmers of Crawford County, Ill., are as a class intelligent, industrious men who by hard work and economic thrift have brought about the very desirable condition of affairs existing in their part of the State. J. J. Wilkin, of Section 16, Oblong Township, is one who has been largely instrumental in effecting the redemption of the wild land and its development into fertile and productive farms. He was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, March 9, 1834, a son of Jacob Wilkin, whose biography will be found elsewhere in this volume. At two years of age he was brought by his father to Crawford County, where the latter entered 1,000 acres of land from the Government, and on reaching manhood, J. J. Wilkin received 100 acres as his share. This he cleared and cultivated, and made upon it all the present improvements. He lived as other pioneers of his day, and did his first plowing of the soil with oxen. To his original 100 acres he added 100 more, 50 acres of which he cleared himself.

On September 9, 1858, Mr. Wilkin married Caroline Bolp, a native of Fairfield County, Ohio, and a daughter of Abraham Bolp, deceased, who was a farmer and early settler of Fairfield County. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins are the parents of five children: Martha Adelia, Alice, Susan Katherine (deceased), Alva M., and Otis M.—all born on the homestead, and all educated in the district school. In 1907 oil was discovered on the property and Mr. Wilkin now has six wells in active operation. In politics he is a Democrat and has always supported that party. He and his family are consistent members of the Methodist Church.

WILKIN, Matthew.—Honored and respected among the men with whom he labored to build up Crawford County and make Illinois the great State it now is, as well as by those still engaged in this great work, Matthew Wilkin occupies a high place in the confidence of the people of Oblong, Ill. He was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, December 5, 1829, a son of Jacob and Catherine (Burner) Wilkin, the former of whom was born February 27, 1795, in Shenandoah County, Va., and died on the farm in Crawford County, December 13, 1856. His wife was born in the same county as her husband, March 15, 1802, and she, too, died on the Crawford County farm, November 28, 1875.

In 1848 Jacob Wilkin bought 600 acres of government land in Crawford County at $1,25 per acre, the tract being located seven miles northeast of Oblong. In 1850, or possibly at an earlier date, he bought a second tract of 240 acres at $6 per acre, and in 1851, 200 acres of prairie land, thus becoming one of the largest land-owners of the county. In 1852 he removed from Fairfield County, Ohio, with his wife and seven of his sons to Crawford County. Of their nine sons, two are deceased, there being no daughters in the family. The parents had been well trained to pioneer life in Ohio and so were prepared to face the hardships of their western home. Mr. Wilkin later gave to each of his sons 100 acres of land or its equivalent in money. As previously stated, his death occurred in Crawford County in 1856, four years after coming there, while his wife survived until 1875. Their children were: Enos, born October 11, 1823, is still living in Licking County, Ohio, aged eighty-five; John Henry, born July 22, 1825; Noah, born August 18, 1827; Matthew, born December 5, 1829; Jacob J., born March 9, 1834; Levi, born October 31, 1836, deceased; Samuel, born March 9, 1839; Silas, born May 15, 1842; Absalom, born October 23, 1844, deceased. The family has been remarkable for the longevity and strength of its members.

Matthew Wilkin attended the common schools in his native county of Fairfield, Ohio, spent some time in college at Delaware, Ohio, and from there went to college at Granville, Ohio, in 1850, and during the winters from 1850 to 1860 was engaged in teaching for two terms being thus employed in Ohio and the remainder of the period in Crawford County, Ill. After coming to Crawford County he continued to make his home with his father up to the time of his marriage, on September 29, 1853, in Licking Township, Crawford County, to Emily D. Fidler, daughter of Thomas and Matilda C. Fidler, both pioneers of Crawford County. Mr. Wilkin then purchased four acres of land with a building thereon adjoining the 100 acres given to him by his father. In the meantime he had entered 40 acres of government land upon which he located in 1870, and continued to reside there until October 31, 1907, when he removed to Oblong village, where he now resides with his son-in-law. He is the owner of 135 acres of land in Oblong Township, most of which has been improved by him or under his supervision. On March 20, 1908, oil was discovered on his land, and he now has six oil-producing wells in operation, with others likely to follow. Mrs. Wilkin's father was a physician, and had a successful practice. Like many of his neighbors, Dr. Fidler went to California in 1849, and returned in 1852, unlike many of his contemporaries being successful in his mining enterprises.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Wilkin have children as follows: Elsie, born August 2, 1855, married George W. Grogan of Calloway County, Ky., and they have three children—they used to live on a farm seven miles north of Oblong, but now reside in the city itself; Myra, born December 29, 1857, married W. A. Redman of Oblong,—they had one daughter, now living, but the mother died January 14, 1885, the father having died previous to that date; Arthur M., born January 17, 1860, married Miss Emma Silcott of Colorado, and they are now living in Fort Collins in that State and have one daughter.

In politics Mr. Wilkin is a strong Prohibitionist and is a pillar in the Methodist Church, with which he united fifty-seven years ago, having been a class-leader for many years. He has never been a seeker for public office, but has filled most acceptably the position of School Treasurer of the Township for the past thirty-one years. Possessing an abundance of this world's goods, he is now enjoying his declining years in retirement, though realizing that he is only the steward of what is his Master's. He sheds around him a benign influence for good, and is loved and honored by a wide circle. Mrs. Wilkin has also been a devout member of the Methodist Church for many years. The bond which holds them together is stronger than any mere earthly bond. In their home the beautiful influence of their Christian lives is shown, and they make others better and truer for the way in which they live out their faith.

WILKIN, W. Ernest, M. D.—Coming of a good, old pioneer family of Crawford County, Dr. W. Ernest Wilkin, of Oblong, Ill., was well known in Crawford County even before he commenced practicing medicine here in the spring of 1907, and although he has been in this locality but a short time, he has already firmly established himself in the confidence of the people and built up a good practice. Dr. Wilkin was born on the Wilkin farm, four and one-half miles from Oblong, August 19, 1880, a son of L. C. and Josephine (Voorheis) Wilkin. L. C. Wilkin was born on the same farm as Dr. Wilkin, which had been entered from the Government by his father. He was a Methodist minister and preached the gospel for sixteen years, when he retired. His wife was a daughter of Daniel Voorheis who came from Germany, and his wife came from Wales.

After attending common school, Dr. Wilkin went to the Noble High School in Richland County, Ill., from which he was graduated, and then attended McKendree College at Lebanon, Ill. In the fall of 1900 he entered Barnes University at St. Louis, from which he was graduated in 1904 with the degree of M. D., and was awarded the gold medal in the sophomore year for best scholarship, his general average being 98 in a large class. Dr. Wilkin then went to Mt. Erie, Wayne County, Ill., where he remained three years, and then, in the spring of 1907, came to Oblong, where he has since remained. In that same year he bought the homestead of Dr. E. M. Cooley, and erected a neat office building adjoining the residence. Dr. Wilkin belongs to the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Barnes College, the Crawford County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Association, and the American Medical Association. Fraternally he is a member of the Order of Modern Woodmen. In religious affiliation he is a member of the Methodist Church, and earnestly supports that body. Politically he is a Democrat.

On June 26, 1907, Dr. Wilkin was married at Mt. Erie, Ill., to Miss Ina Bradshaw, daughter of James and Lizzie Bradshaw. James Bradshaw is a retired merchant and stock dealer of Mt. Erie, who was a veteran of the Civil War, serving with credit in Company E, Fortieth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, from near the beginning to the end of the struggle. Dr. Wilkin is a close student, a conscientious worker, and a young man who not only is thoroughly conversant with his profession, but loves it and is devoting his life to it.

WILSON, David C.—Among the representative citizens of Robinson Township, Crawford County, Ill., is David C. Wilson, who, after many years of business activity, is now living a retired life in his pleasant home on South Cross Street, Robinson. Mr. Wilson was born in Crawford County, Ill., near Robinson, August 22, 1850, a son of Lewis and Margaret A. (Smith) Wilson, the latter a native of Pennsylvania. Lewis Wilson was born in Morgan County, Ohio, and came to Crawford County, Ill., in the spring of 1850, entering 160 acres of government land. Mr. Wilson was a man of energy and progressive spirit and he became a man of substance, clearing his land and cultivating an excellent farm. His death occurred on his farm in Robinson Township, in August, 1877.

David C. Wilson attended the Wilson Schoolhouse in his youth, and spent his early manhood in assisting his father on the farm. He was married in Robinson Township, by the Rev. Boyer of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to Emma C. Collins, born February 12, 1856, daughter of John and Phœbe (Thompson) Collins, the former of Pennsylvania and the latter a native of Virginia. John Collins came from Butler County, Ohio, to Crawford County, Ill., about 1864, and was for many years engaged in farming, owning a tract of 300 acres, and also being engaged in the milling business until his mill in Robinson was destroyed by fire about 1898. He was Circuit Clerk for two terms, and his death occurred in April, 1902. He and his wife, who died about forty years ago, were the parents of nine children, and there are now living two sons and two daughters. To Mr. and Mrs. Wilson there have been born three children: Ora, born August 23, 1880; Edna, born September 8, 1884; and Raymond C., born August 27, 1889. Ora married Robert Stevenson, a farmer of Robinson Township, and has two children, namely: Omer, born June 21, 1898, and Hazel, born August 14, 1903.

In addition to his comfortable home in Robinson, Mr. Wilson is the owner of two residence lots, and a tract of 240 acres located in Robin-

son Township, upon which are situated two producing oil wells. In political matters he is a Democrat, and he takes more than an ordinary interest in local matters. For forty years he has been a member of the United Brethren Church, while Mrs. Wilson has been connected with the Methodist Church since her sixteenth year. The family is very well known in Robinson, and all of its members highly esteemed.

WILSON, Mrs. Mabel (James).—Not every woman possesses genius, nor if she does, has it been developed until she is able to give expression to it in enduring works of art that will live after her. Mrs. Mabel (James) Wilson of Palestine, Ill., is a rare character, possessing the genius of an artist and the heart of gold peculiar to her sex. She was born in Seguin, Texas, January 29, 1877, and is the wife of Charles T. Wilson, and daughter of Edward James, who was a prominent physician of New York City. He was born in Richabueto, New Brunswick, in 1852, and was graduated in medicine with high honors, at Halifax, Nova Scotia. He became noted as a physician, not only in New York City, but in Seguin, Texas, where he later located. Edward James was a son of William James, who was also born at Richabueto, New Brunswick, and was a lawyer. William James married Elizabeth Barlow, born in Hutsonville, Ill., October 30, 1829, and died in Robinson, Ill., December 11, 1905, at Starrett Place.

Edward James married Sarah Harding Starrett, who was born in Robinson, Ill., October 30, 1854, and died at the early age of thirty-eight, in February, 1892. Her father was Judge William Henry Starrett, who was Judge of the County Court of Crawford for twenty-one years. He was born in Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, but moved to Illinois, and took up a large tract of land in Robinson. His death occurred in Nova Scotia in 1865.

Mrs. Wilson was educated at the College of St. Mary's of the Woods, four miles west of Terre Haute, Ind., from whence she was graduated in June, 1896. She undoubtedly inherited her musical and artistic talents from her mother, who obtained notable recognition as a musician and artist. In the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson some of the exquisite canvasses from her brush are most tenderly prized. The very large painting "The Mountain of the Holy Cross," a scene in the canons of Colorado, is a rare piece of work. Mrs. Starrett's portrait hangs upon the wall, and it is one to study and admire. The face bears out the character she evinced to everyone. Her life was a lovely one, spent in tender consideration for others, and her disposition was exceedingly sweet. The picture shows a high order of intelligence combined with self-sacrificing gentleness, and the love and devotion she inspired as well as the deep grief her early demise occasioned, are easily understood. Every accomplishment was possessed by her. Educated at a private female academy, and possessed of real genius, she became a musician of note, as well as an artist of rare ability, working in oils and on china. Her productions all show the same exquisite detail, and she also took a pride in her fine sewing. While Mrs. Wilson also inherits the versatility of her mother, she always feels that she cannot equal her, so tenderly does the devoted daughter reverence the mother who has been taken from her.

Soon after graduating, Mrs. Wilson married Charles T. Wilson, son of Guy D. Wilson and Harriet (Young) Wilson, of Palestine, Ill. Mr. Wilson is a locomotive engineer, and his father is one of the leading men of Palestine, owning large elevators in the city, and dealing extensively in grain. The marriage took place July 21, 1896, at the Presbyterian Church in Robinson, two clergymen, the Rev. McCoy and the Rev. Adams officiating. Mrs. Wilson has borne her husband the following children : Mary Elizabeth, born April 25, 1897, and died the same date; William Starrett Wilson, born May 11, 1898; Mary Elizabeth (II), born February 1, 1900; Sarah Cecelia, born March 16, 1904; Mynetta and Henrietta, twins, born August 7, 1906.

Simply a mention of the beautiful Wilson home is all that space will admit. The reception room is artistically furnished, and from it and the large porch is afforded a delightful view of the beautiful grounds. Paintings, bric-a-brac, statuary, the wide stairway leading up to the gallery overlooking this beautiful room, all are stamped with the artistic taste of Mrs. Wilson. She with her beautiful children forms a picture not easily forgotten by those who are honored as visitors to her home.

Mrs. Wilson owns the Starrett Place of ten acres, and the old family mansion in Robinson. The latter is generally known as "Wilson's Grove." She also owns a three-story brick building, occupied by S. M. Smith as a furniture store; the Lyric Theater, a prospective building to be erected for the Red Bank Oil Co., the residence of Mr. Barnsdale, the new Catholic church which occupies a large lot, the residence of Mr. Wilcox adjoining, the former Robinson Club House, now occupied by T. J. Cooper, the residences of George Finley and Mr. Bradbury, a lot and building occupied by the Star Laundry. In addition she owns two additions known as the Mabel (James) Wilson first and second additions, where she has built a number of fine residences.

Mrs. Wilson comes of an old pioneer family, and may be well numbered among the fortunates of earth. Possessed of wealth, culture, genius, with a devoted husband, and charming children, she is surrounded with all that makes life pleasant. The center of the inner circle in society, her home is the center of many delightful events, and she makes a charming hostess to her countless friends, who are located far and wide. Mrs. Wilson possesses literary talent as well, and is one of the most valuable members of the Literary Club.

WILSON, William, a farmer of Robinson Township, Crawford County, is one of the representative men of his locality. Mr. Wilson was born in

La Motte Township, one and one-half miles northwest of Palestine, February 13, 1853, a son of Alvah James Wilson, who was born in Kentucky, December 5, 1819. He was a farmer all his life, and in 1831, believing that there was more opportunity in Crawford County, he located there, at a time when the entire country was in a wild state, deer, wolves and prairie chickens being more plentiful than domestic animals now are. His wife was Mary Jane Seaney, a daughter of Bryant Seaney. Alvah J. Wilson died at his home southwest of Trimble on Sunday, October 17, 1897, aged seventy-seven years and ten months. The funeral services were conducted Monday, October 18th, at the Grove Church by Brother M. V. Hathaway, in the presence of a large concourse of relatives and friends. He was one of the pioneers of the locality and was honored for his honesty, industry and kindness of heart, as well as his devotion to his family and friends. His widow died Sunday, August 24, 1900, after a long and painful illness, and she was buried at Oak Grove Cemetery, Monday afternoon, Brother J. R. Wright of Newton officiating. She was sixty-six years old, and was a good, loving mother.

William Wilson alternated attending the district school with work on the farm in Robinson Township, and thus grew to manhood's estate. He owns 139 acres of excellent farming land, nearly all under cultivation. He makes a specialty of breeding pedigreed Poland-China hogs, and has shipped his stock to 23 adjoining States and as far south as New Mexico. He raises about 100 head of thoroughbred hogs each year and his hogs command good prices everywhere on account of the superiority of his stock.

On March 23, 1871, Mr. Wilson was married in Robinson Township to Sarah E. Riegel, born near Dayton, Ohio, November 18, 1853, a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Riegel. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson became the parents of the following children: Rosa May, born August 2, 1872; Hiram Hunter, born August 21, 1874, died December 26, 1874; Henry Arthur, born December 22, 1875; Mary Elizabeth, born May 28, 1878; Margaret Florence, born July 4, 1879; Edward Garfield, born February 7, 1881; Lena Belle, born December 1, 1883; William Oscar, born March 19, 1885; Jacob Alvah, born August 19, 1887; Ora Luella, born July 8, 1888; Ralph Amber, born June 23, 1890. Mr. Wilson is a Prohibitionist, and has been Chairman of the County Central Committee of that party four and one-half years; is a member of the Christian Church (New Light) and has been an active and faithful church, Sunday School and Prohibition worker for nearly forty years.

WILSON, William C. (deceased), who for many years was a prominent figure in the affairs of Crawford County and especially in the city of Robinson, was born in Palestine, Ill., November 5, 1832, a son of William and Elizabeth (Kitchell) Wilson, the former born in Virginia, February 11, 1790. He came to Illinois in 1816, and settling near Palestine became one of the pioneers of this locality. From 1845 to 1849 he was Receiver of the Land Office. His wife was born in New Jersey in 1799. Their children were: Eliza A., Robert C., John W., Jeretta, James, Hannah, William C., Martha, Asa W., and three who died in infancy. When William C. Wilson began working for himself he had 80 acres of land given him by his father. When he was twenty, he was appointed Deputy Clerk and served one year; was elected County Treasurer in 1854 for two years, and in 1856 was made Postmaster at Palestine. Later he engaged in milling, but retiring from that business in 1861, was elected County Clerk and held that office for sixteen consecutive years. In 1879 he was elected State Senator from the Forty-fifth District, and served on a number of important committees. Mr. Wilson was an active Democrat and cast his first vote for James Buchanan for President. In religious faith he was a Presbyterian, while fraternally he was a Mason. December 4, 1855, Mr. Wilson married Sue F. Waldrop, a daughter of Francis and Amelia (Redmon) Waldrop, natives of North Carolina and Ohio, respectively. Mrs. Wilson also joined the Presbyterian Church.

WIMAN, G. H., who is recognized as one of the best informed men on the subject of farming in Crawford County, for many years a farmer of Licking Township, was born in the county, in 1847, a son of James Wiman, who was one of the early pioneers of this locality, coming here about 1816. He was born in Kentucky in 1812 and attained to a ripe old age. Although he came to the county almost penniless, in time he became the owner of 1,000 acres, part of which he divided among his children, who were: Jacob, Elizabeth, Margaret, Sarah, Emily, G. H., Albert, Lucie A., and Rebecca. G. H. Wiman attended the early schools of his locality and was brought up on the farm. In 1872 he married Jane Barr, daughter of Dr. Frank Barr, and they have had three children: Edgar, Louis and Martha.

WIMAN, Henry Milton.—The farming interests of Crawford County are represented by men of ability and high standing, who not only are interested in the development of their land, but also in the advancement of local affairs. Henry Milton Wiman, of Robinson Township, is one of the progressive farmers who owe their advancement to their own unaided efforts and habits of thrift and industry. Mr. Wiman was born in Sullivan County, Ind., April 20, 1870. He is a son of William Johnson and Sarah Ellen (Hunt) Wiman, born in Indiana, the former in Sullivan County and the latter in Vigo County.

In 1872 William Johnson Wiman moved with his family to Crawford County, and settled near Bellair, where Henry Milton Wiman went to school until he was eighteen, when he entered the Central Normal Christian College at Danville, Ind. Finishing his course there, he taught school for eight years, when he purchased his present farm of fifty acres, on which there is a comfortable home, with modern improvements.

On February 17, 1901, Mr. Wiman married Innis McGovern, daughter of Philip and Louesa (Morris) McGovern, and they have a daughter, Louesa, born March 9, 1904. In politics Mr. Wiman is a Democrat. His wife joined the United Brethren Church in 1891 and is very active in church work. Mr. Wiman believes in the gospel of hard, honest work. As a school teacher he was very conscientious and tried to teach each pupil faithfully and carefully, and as a result made friends of those under his tuition. Since engaging in farming, he has pursued the same policy and whatever he undertakes, he does thoroughly, so that his farm is in excellent condition, and the results of his labors are both successful and satisfactory.

WIRT, Jacob (deceased), for many years a prosperous farmer of Oblong Township, Crawford County, was born in Lancaster County, Pa., February 28, 1825, and when about eight years old, was taken by his parents to Decatur County, Ind., where he was brought up on the farm in the woods and received but a limited education, although he studied and became essentially a self-made man. When he was seventeen he began working for himself, but gave his father one-half of his wages until he was twenty-one. Later he farmed for his father for three years. On February 22, 1850, he married in Decatur County, Catherine Johnson, a native of Stiles County, Vt., who bore him the following family: Zachariah, Isaiah, Henry, Ennis, Mary Belle. In the fall of 1853 he moved to Crawford County, Ill., and bought 40 acres of raw land, but in six weeks moved to Davis County, Iowa, giving up the land he had secured. In 1854 he returned to the same place and bought 80 acres, to which he added until he owned 220 acres, although he gave away 160 of it to his sons. Mr. Wirt devoted his land to stock and grain raising and was successful in his undertakings.

WOLFE, Joseph H.—Within recent years the farmers of Illinois have been specializing in their work, recognizing the advantages of this. Some cultivate grain exclusively, while others devote their time and attention to raising high-grade stock. Crawford County is specially suited for grazing purposes, and sheep have proved to be a very valuable investment. Joseph Wolfe of Section 15, Prairie Township, Crawford County, is among the progressive farmers and stockmen of this section, and he is making a specialty of raising Shropshire sheep.

Mr. Wolfe was born in Champaign County, Ohio, September 5, 1844, a son of Henry Wolfe, who was born in Virginia, May 11, 1799. The latter was reared and educated in his native State, and when twenty-one years old he left that State and came to Champaign County, Ohio, where he bought a farm. This he sold and in 1849 came to Crawford County, Ill., making the trip in a wagon. Locating two miles east of Porterville, he bought 300 acres, of which he sold his eldest son 60 acres leaving him 240 acres. The farm was partially improved, there being a house and barn on it, and a large orchard of 250 trees had been planted. The first wife of Henry Wolfe was Mary Reese, who bore him three children, namely: George Pearson, Matilda and Eunice. His second wife was Sarah Y. Downey, who was born in Champaign County, Ohio, and they became the parents of the following children: Harriet, Mary, Joseph, Catherine, John and Elias.

Joseph H. Wolfe was brought to Crawford County by his father when he was five years old, and was educated in the district schools of his neighborhood, attending in the winter and working on the farm during the summer. In 1865 he married Louisa Hill, daughter of John and Lizarah Hill. Mrs. Wolfe was born May 23, 1846, east of Porterville, Crawford County. Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe became the parents of the following children: Mary Josephine, born November 25, 1866, died September 7, 1870; Lizarah, born June 5, 1869, died October 7, 1870; Charles Hamlin, born March 3, 1872, died August 22, 1876; Edgar, born September 15, 1873, died August 7, 1875. During three years of his married life, Mr. Wolfe lived in Annapolis, Crawford County, being engaged in a general merchandise business. He lost his wife August 11, 1876. On August 15, 1877, Mr. Wolfe married Emma Bowman, daughter of David and Mary (Mouser) Bowman. Her father was born March 30, 1813, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume. David Bowman brought his family from Licking County, Ohio, in a wagon, and they located near Robinson, Ill., where he rented a farm for a year, and then entered 600 acres of government land, which he later divided among his children. The present home of Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe was a portion of the family estate of the Bowmans. Mrs. Wolfe inherited a part of it, and Mr. Wolfe bought from the other heirs the rest of the 110 acres owned by them. This property is in a high state of cultivation, well improved and very valuable.

Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe have no children of their own, but they adopted a young girl from Chicago when she was eleven years old. She has been a great comfort to them, and they are very proud of her. She early developed a remarkable musical talent, and they had her carefully trained on the piano, so that she commenced teaching music when fifteen. She is now married to Everett Keenan, who is a farmer of Prairie Township. Mr and Mrs. Wolfe are members of the United Brethren Church, with which they became united a number of years ago. He was a Trustee and Steward of the church, as well as Superintendent of the Sunday School, and takes a deep interest in church work. His first vote was cast for General U. S. Grant, for President, and he has since continued faithful to Republican principles.

WOOD, Captain William.—In that struggle in which man pitted himself against primeval forest and aboriginal inhabitant, the strongest types of manhood and womanhood were evolved. Existence in any frontier region is never easy, and yet the result of the efforts of the pioneers seems

to repay all the hardships these brave forerunners of civilization endured. Where once was but timber and wild prairie, over which roved the deer and Indians, to-day we find rich farms and large and prosperous commercial cities. The early lives of these pioneers accustomed them to hard work which developed the mind and hardened the body, so that to-day, although eighty-four years old, Captain William Wood possesses all his faculties, and is one of the most intelliment men of his community.

Captain William Wood was born at Gordon, La Motte Township, Crawford County, Ill., three miles east of Robinson, September 4, 1824, and now resides in the village of Oblong in the same county. He is a son of Joseph and Margaret McDowell Wood, and grandson of Joseph Wood. The elder Joseph Wood came to Crawford County after his son Joseph, and was one of the first men in Crawford County to serve on a grand jury. He was a soldier in the War of 1812.

Joseph Wood, the younger, was born in Virginia and died in Oblong Township, in 1866, aged seventy-four years. He, too, was a soldier in the War of 1812, and the ancestors of the family were soldiers in the Revolutionary War. The mother of Captain Wood was born in Virginia, and died in Oblong Township, in 1863, when nearly seventy years old. In 1810 or 1811, Joseph Wood came to Vincennes, Ind., where Fort Harrison now stands, and enlisted as "a ranger," serving about twenty-one months. His brother Jonathan was killed at the battle of Tippecanoe. He was given a grant of government land for his services and this he located in La Motte Township, three miles east of Robinson. On it he built a house and lived in it until 1839, when he sold a portion of the land and moved to Big Creek, three miles east of Oblong village, and bought 1,500 acres of land on which he lived until his death. He improved a great deal of land and divided over 2,000 acres among his children, retaining only a small portion of his holdings. He was first a Whig and later a Republican, a strong Harrison man. In religious views he was a Universalist while his wife was a Presbyterian. They were the parents of fifteen children, four of whom survive: Captain William; Emily, who married R. F. Ames; J. H., and Robert. Those who died were: three infants; Rachel, who married Richard Lackey; Polly, who married John DeLapp; John; Angeline, who married William Hill; Julia, who died in infancy and was a twin sister of Emily; Joseph Houston, who died at fourteen years of age; Virginia, who married Hiram Larrabee; and Margaret, who married James D. Gill.

Captain William Wood went to school in the typical pioneer school house, built of logs with puncheon floor, slab seats and greased paper for window glass; and yet in this primitive structure he was well grounded in the common branches. Until 1848 he remained at home, but in that year he married, and commenced farming a mile east of Oblong village, on nearly 500 acres of land, part of which he bought at a private sale, and part entered from the Government. There was a log house on the land, in which he and his bride lived until he built a frame house which was their home until their removal to Oblong village. This home, in which they experienced so many joys and sorrows, will always seem the real home to them. Mr. Wood improved the greater part of the farm, purchased other land in this section of the county, but later sold it and now owns but 321 acres. His principal business has been buying and selling stock, and the results of his operations along this line have been gratifying. In 1860 Capt. Wood built the first brick building in Oblong village, and in 1868 he put up the first and only gristmill, and both still stand as monuments to his industry and public enterprise. In June, 1908, the Oil Belt Bank was organized, and Capt. Wood became a stockholder and Director. He is also a stockholder in the Colonial Hotel, which was built at the same time as the bank and is a part of the same building. Capt. and Mrs. Wood remained on the farm until November, 1907, when they established themselves in their present home. They have been married over sixty years.

On July 2, 1848, Captain Wood married Caroline Ames born in Clark County, Ohio, December 1, 1821, a daughter of Asa and Elizabeth (Forrest) Ames, natives of New Hampshire and Connecticut. Mr. and Mrs. Ames were married in Vermont, from which State they came to Ohio, and in 1841 they proceeded to Oblong Township, Crawford County, where the father, who had a government grant on account of his service in the War of 1812, took up land about four miles west of Robinson, on which he lived until his death in 1866. His widow lived with Capt. and Mrs. Wood for several years, almost to the time of her death, which occurred when she was very old. Mr. and Mrs. Ames were the parents of five children: Asa, Robert F., Stephen, who died at the age of four years; Mrs. Wood and Sarah, all dead except Mrs. Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Ames were Universalists, and Mr. Ames was first a Whig and then a Republican.

Capt. and Mrs. Wood have had children as follows: four who died in infancy; Sarah E., who died in 1874, aged seventeen years; Helen, who died the year earlier, aged fourteen; William F., married Ann Buck, they reside on the home place and have five children,—Vera, Lola, Katherine, Nora, and Elva; James A., married Frances Henry, and they also live on the home place and have had the following children,—one who died in infancy, Herbert, who died when one year old, Byrl, Mary, William H., Mark H., Ina, Ralph, Bertha and Marjorie.

On July 9, 1862, William Wood enlisted in Company D, Ninety-eighth Illinois Mounted Infantry, Wilder's Brigade. Upon the organization of the regiment at Centralia, Ill., Mr. Wood was elected Captain of his company. The regiment was assigned to the Fourteenth Army Corps. Among the more notable engagements in which it took part may be mentioned: Hoover's Gap, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Lookout Mountain, Tunnel Hill, Siege of Atlanta. From Atlanta they went to Jonesboro, Ga., and he was

in the fighting there for 123 days almost continuously. On a number of occasions, Captain Wood, as ranking officer, had command of the regiment. He was wounded by a bursting shell at Chickamauga. On December 9, 1864, he was honorably discharged on account of disability resulting from his service. Captain Wood had two brothers who served during the war, Albert Wood and Capt. J. H. Wood. The former enlishted in General Grant's old regiment, the Twenty-first Illinois, was captured at Chickamauga and sent to Andersonville, where he died of starvation. J. H. Wood enlisted in Company F, Fifth Illinois Cavalry, and was promoted to the rank of Captain.

Captain William Wood is a Blue Lodge Mason and the second oldest member in the County, and is a member of the Albert Wood Post, G. A. R., which was named in honor of his brother who died in the Andersonville prison. Until the organization of the Republican party, he was a Whig, and has voted the Republican ticket ever since. He has been Collector of Taxes, for twenty years was a Justice of the Peace and his wise administration is still remembered with pride. Capt. Wood well remembers when Crawford County had very few settlers, instead of one of the most fertile sections of Illinois, being then barren land. Indians roved about in large bands and deer was very plentiful. Often were seen forty deer in a herd. Flocks of wild turkeys were everywhere, and there were many more wolves than was agreeable or safe. He also remembers one peculiar circumstance that his father used often to mention. About the time that the family settled here, in 1816 or 1817, a terrible epidemic, known locally as "milk sickness," broke out among the people and stock. Many died in the vicinity of Gordon, including the elder Joseph Wood, his maternal grandfather, and two or three of the latter's daughters. Those who survived felt the effects at certain seasons of the year for some years thereafter. The majority of those who fell victims either died or moved away. Large quantities of stock also died. The trouble seemed only local, but was dreadful. In those early days Capt. Wood made five trips to Chicago driving cattle to market, and his reminiscences of them would fill a volume. On August 7, 1906, oil was discovered on Capt. Wood's farm and he now has 30 producing oil wells. Capt. and Mrs. Wood are probably the oldest married couple in Crawford County, and they are universally honored and respected. Their many good deeds and kindly words can never be told. No one ever sought aid of them in vain. No matter how small their quarters, the wayfarer was always welcome in the olden days, and the visitor to their present home is received with the same cordial hospitality as found among the survivors of pioneer days. Nothing but good can be said of these two, who in their venerable age command confidence, esteem and affection, not only from their family but from all who have the honor of their acquaintance.

WOODWORTH, Abner Palmer.—Few men have been more prominently associated with the financial and commercial growth of Crawford County than Abner Palmer Woodworth, who from 1850 has been an important factor in the life of Robinson, and who contributed largely towards its rapid advancement. Mr. Woodworth was born at Palestine, Ill., June 20, 1829, a son of John Spencer and Elizabeth (Greer) Woodworth, the former of whom was born on a farm near Albany, N. Y., December 29, 1775, and was a farmer by occupation. His wife was born in South Carolina in 1779, and they were married in Lawrence County, Ill., where he died in 1850, his widow surviving him several years. John Spencer Woodworth came west to Kentucky in 1812, and having heard glowing reports of the land along the Wabash River from Gen. Harrison's soldiers who were home on a furlough, came with about twenty others to investigate the conditions in Illinois. Being well satisfied, they returned in 1814, as soon as the land was opened for settlement. This party was one of the first to settle in Crawford County, and Mr. Woodworth built a log house which he occupied until Abner P. was about five years old, when the first frame house was erected. At this time Indians roamed the prairies, and wild game of all kinds was very plentiful. To the north there was a settlement of Carolinians, and to the south a party of Kentuckians. Mr. Woodworth bought land near the present site of Palestine, and on this he resided until his death. He had the honor of being the second sheriff of Crawford County, and was a man of considerable prominence throughout the county as well as the State during its early history. Crawford County at that time included Chicago, where Mr. Woodworth sold apples, shipping them there by team. At one time he owned 1,000 acres of land and cleared off a large portion of it and brought it into a high state of cultivation. His father, Roswell Woodworth, had served in the Revolution, as did the maternal grandfather, the latter being under Gen. Marion in South Carolina, and the family on both sides always took a prominent part in the upbuilding of the country.

Abner Palmer Woodworth was educated at Hanover College, Ind. During his early school days he worked on his father's farm, and learned how to farm properly. The first cook stove he saw was brought from Chicago when he was a small boy. After attending school for two years, he clerked in a store, and then, in 1852, bought a half-interest in the general store of C. B. Lagow & Co., in Robinson, which business was conducted under the style of Woodworth & Lagow from 1852 to 1863. At that time it was the only store in Robinson, which was then a hamlet of about 100 people. The stock of merchandise was eventually sold to Braden & Dorothy, and in 1863, Mr. Woodworth embarked in the mercantile business alone, thus continuing until 1868, when he started a small banking enterprise in connection with his mercantile business, under the name of Woodworth Brothers & Co., which later was changed to the Robinson Bank

in 1875, and was reorganized and incorporated as the First National Bank of Robinson in 1896, with A. P. Woodworth as president, which honorable position he still retains. In 1875 he sold out his mercantile business to devote himself exclusively to his banking interests until the reorganization in 1896.

In addition to his other business enterprises, Mr. Woodworth was one of the organizers of the Paris & Danville (now the "Big Four") Railroad in 1870 and 1875, is the founder of the Woodworth Hotel, and has always been interested in whatever measures promised to advance the interests of Crawford County. When twenty-one, he cast his first vote with the Whig Party, and helped to organize the Republican Party in Crawford County, but through all his political life could never be induced to hold public office. Mr. Woodworth is a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, of which he is trustee. On August 18, 1868, Mr. Woodworth was married at Binghamton, N. Y., to Ellen King, daughter of Andrew King, who moved from her birthplace, Lexington, Ky., to Cincinnati, Ohio, where she resided until reaching her maturity. Mr. King was identified with a wholesale dry-goods business, under the style of King, Corwin & Co., and later in life removed to Leavenworth, Kan., where his death occurred. Mr. and Mrs. Woodworth have no issue.

Mr. Woodworth is a man whose intelligence and public spirit brought him into active co-operation with his fellow citizens in various movements of the day, and he can always be relied upon to take an advanced stand, his influence ever being cast on the side of progress. Shrewd, alert, careful in looking after the interests of his depositors, he is a man who has always commanded the highest confidence, and no one has ever possessed in a higher degree the full esteem of the community, as private citizen and head of a great banking institution which his own ability and foresight built up out of a small beginning originally undertaken as a side issue in connection with mercantile business.

WOODWORTH, Martin B. (deceased).—The lives of those gone before often point out morals and show the gratifying result of good living. After a man is dead, his true character comes to light, and when his memory is honored and his life pointed to as a standard of Christian endeavor, then he has not lived in vain. The late Martin B. Woodworth of Palestine, Crawford County, Ill., was a man of the most excellent habits, conscientious and hard working, and a true Christian in every sense of the word.

Mr. Woodworth was born in La Motte Township, Crawford County, August 19, 1825, a son of J. S. and Polly (Gill) Woodworth, a concise sketch of whom will be found in connection with a biographical record of his half brother, Abner P. Woodworth of Robinson. Mr. Woodworth was educated by a private tutor in his younger days, and later attended the Palestine schools. He remained with his father until his marriage, when he commenced farming on 100 acres of land his father had given him, located in La Motte Township. Of this, 30 acres were improved, and he cleared off and improved most of the remainder, and added to his holdings until he owned some 200 acres in one body. Afterward he sold the first property and bought 100 acres on the east side of Palestine, upon which he and his wife moved in 1870, and which continued to be his home until his death, which occurred August 10, 1904, when he lacked but nine days of being seventy-nine years old.

Mr. Woodworth had united with the Methodist Episcopal Chruch when a young man, and his funeral was held in the Methodist Church at Palestine, the Rev. S. B. Edmondson officiating. The body was interred in the Wesley Chapel Cemetery, four miles southeast of Palestine, and Mrs. Woodworth has there erected a beautiful monument to his memory. He was a Republican but not an office-seeker.

Mr. Woodworth was instrumental in securing the establishment of the Illinois Central machine shop at Palestine, at the time the road was built, and he furnished and helped to raise considerable money for that purpose. After his retirement, Mr. Woodworth became a director of the First National Bank in Robinson, Ill., and was most highly esteemed in the business world. The crowd which attended his funeral was immense, all striving to render him honor.

The widow of Mr. Woodworth, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth (Crews) Woodworth, was born on a farm near Palestine, Ill., September 29, 1831, a daughter of William J. and Amelia (Spraggins) Crews, the former born October 7, 1802, in Tennessee, where he was a farmer, while the latter was born in Lincoln County, Ky., August 8, 1810. John Crews, the grandfather of Mrs. Woodworth, was English and came to Crawford County when but little of it had been developed. At that time there were no roads, and much of the land being under water, quicksands abounded. Mrs. Crews' people were from Kentucky, but they, too, became pioneers of Crawford County at a period when Mrs. Crews was only six years old.

Mrs. Woodworth attended the subscription schools in early girlhood, but later had the advantage of attending more modern schools near Palestine. She was married at her father's home February 29, 1848, to Martin B. Woodworth. After the death of Mr. Woodworth, Mrs. Woodworth built her present home, which is a very comfortable one, and she now lives there surrounded by every comfort. She has been a consistent member of the Methodist Church for sixty years, and is one of the substantial residents of Palestine, who is managing her property interests thriftily and successfully. She is possessed of ample means, is prominent in church work, and an important factor in the life of her community.

WRIGHT, James Wesley.—One of the homes to which the people of Palestine point with pride is the one occupied by James Wesley Wright, once known as the Lagow homestead. It is sub-

stantially built of brick, contains ten rooms and is one of the most comfortable and spacious in this locality. Set back 200 feet from the street, the beautiful lawn that surrounds it shows up to excellent advantage, and the ornamental trees are artistically interspersed with shrubs and flowers. In this charming home Mr. Wright is living retired from the active duties of life, renting his farm of 500 acres.

Mr. Wright was born in Gibson County, Ind., October 1, 1851, a son of Andrew Jackson and Lucinda (Spain) Wright. The father was born in Gibson County, Ind., August 24, 1822, and he died February 23, 1883, when sixty-one years of age, in La Motte Township. In 1853 he moved from Gibson County, Ind., to Pike County, Ind., and in 1862 came to Crawford County, buying 860 acres of land, part timber and part prairie. He was a very extensive raiser of cattle, horses and hogs, and raised more corn than the majority of his neighbors, even then having great faith in corn, and appreciating the suitability of Illinois soil for its production. His wife, also born in Gibson County, Ind., in 1826, was a daughter of Archie Spain who came from Virginia.

Mr. Wright was given the usual educational advantages of his place and time and made good use of them. Later he attended Merom College. Returning home he commenced farming and did not retire until he had become the owner of 500 acres, which he devoted to wheat, corn and stock. In politics he is a Republican, and fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Pythias and Modern Woodmen. For thirty-seven years he has been a member of the Christian Church and is now one of its Trustees.

On October 17, 1880, Mr. Wright was married to Eva Pearce, daughter of the late Zadok Alexander and Louisa Jane (Wilhite) Pearce, in Oak Grove Church on La Motte Prarie, near Palestine, by the Rev. T. C. Smith, President of the Union Christian College at Merom, Ind. Three girls have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Wright: Pearl, born April 12, 1883, on La Motte Prairie; Laota Clair, born July 2, 1886, in Palestine; and Hazel Spain, born October 20, 1897, and died the same day. June 7, 1906, Pearl married the Rev. H. G. Rowe of Union City, Ind., who is now in charge of the large church community at Atwood, Ill. At the time of her marriage Mrs. Rowe was a teacher of Elocution and Oratory at the Union Christian College. She is a graduate of Columbia College. A charming feature of the marriage was that it was performed on the same platform at the college on which Mr. Rowe had received his diploma, after an evening's entertainment given by Mrs. Rowe.

Prior to marriage, Mrs. Rowe and her sister, Laota, travelled extensively. Mrs. Rowe went with her uncle William C. Pearce, International Sunday School Superintendent of Chicago, to the Holy Land in 1903, to attend the International Sunday School Convention held in Jerusalem, and from there they went to all parts of the Holy Land, and the trip consumed seventy-one days. Miss Laota went in 1907 on a trip that was equally interesting. Starting from Boston she visited the Azores and Rome, Italy, where another International Sunday School Convention was being held. She accompanied the same uncle. From Rome they went to the principal cities of Europe, including Paris, Venice, London and Heidelberg, after a tour of three months, returning home via New York.

Mrs. Wright comes of an old and honored family. Her father, Zadok Alexander Pearce, was born in Warren County, Ind., March 4, 1829, and died October 21, 1881. She was one of a family of four children born to her parents: William C., Mrs. Ida Decker, Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Ora Godley. Coming to Crawford County in 1851, her father was one of the energetic and successful farmers here until his demise. Few men were more prominent than he in the Christian Church, and he was buried from the Oak Grove Church, President Aldrich of the Union Christian Church officiating, while Hon. E. Callahan delivered a touching address. Mrs. Pearce, born on La Motte Prairie, Ill., September 18, 1833, died February 1, 1892, at the home of her son, William C. Pearce. She had been a member of the Methodist Church, but transferred to the Christian Church when it was organized. She was a daughter of Enoch and Polly (Myers) Wilhite. When she died, Mrs. Pearce left two brothers, M. H. Wilhite and W. C. Wilhite. The services were held at the home of her son, William C. Pearce, the Rev. J. E. Steele officiating, and later there were services at the Oak Grove Church where Rev. Aldrich, who three months before had performed the same office for her husband, conducted the services over her remains. She was laid to rest by the side of her husband in Oak Grove Cemetery.

WURTZBERGAR, Andrew J. — Agricultural prosperity seems to be the prevailing order in Crawford County, where broad fields and substantial buildings reflect the owner's industry, enterprise and thrift. Andrew J. Wurtzbergar of Section 36, Oblong Township, was born on the old homestead, August 23, 1877, a son of Andrew Wurtzbergar, who was born in Cleveland, Ohio, November 13, 1848, and died October 28, 1900. He came to Oblong Township, Crawford County, Ill., in 1850, being brought by his father, William Wurtzbergar. William entered 340 acres, a portion of which is included in the farm of the present Andrew J. Wurtzbergar. William also erected the present home, and cleared his land of timber. In politics he was a Democrat, and at an early day was quite prominent in public affairs.

The present Andrew J. Wurtzbergar was educated in the common schools and at Wyoming Academy, and then on March 22, 1899, enlisted in Company H, Eighteenth United States Regulars, and went to the Philippines. He was in the battle of Illayas, November 21, 1899; in the battle of Lata Barbiria, December 14, 1900; Lubingan, October 15, 1900, and was honorably discharged and commended for honest and faithful service, March 21, 1902, at Fort Russel, Wyo. The commander of the regiment was Col. W. J.

Sano, while the captain of the company was Capt. E. L. Butts.

Returning home, Mr. Wurtzbergar was married April 27, 1902, to Edith M. Brock, daughter of Telman H. Brock, a farmer of Oblong Township, where she was reared, having been born in Iroquois County, Ill., and brought here when nine years of age. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Wurtzbergar: Charles William and Mabel Beneta, both born on the homestead, the former September 23, 1903, and the latter, October 21, 1905. Mr. Wurtzbergar has fifty acres of fine land, which he devotes to general farming. In politics he is a Democrat, and fraternally he belongs to the order of American Patriots. Mrs. Wurtzbergar is a member of the Christian Church.

WURTZBERGAR, William P.—Domestic and social life on the prosperous Illinois farm of the twentieth century, and under varying conditions, is just so broad and so deep as are the individuals who compose it. Life in the country, as nowhere else, presents the most favorable conditions for permanent advancement. In most communities of this great Commonwealth is to be found easy communications between different portions of the county. The telephone eliminates time and distance, the daily mail brings news of the world. Mechanical genius has revolutionized the labor of the farm, and machinery transforms, in a day, the landscape of a country. Among the progressive young farmers of Crawford County is William Wurtzbergar of Section 35, Oblong Township, who was born on his present farm, April 7, 1874, a son of Andrew Wurtzbergar, now deceased, who was a farmer of Oblong Township but a native of Ohio, born in 1848. His father, William Wurtzbergar, was a pioneer of Oblong Township, born in Pennsylvania, and married in Ohio, to Frances Miller, of German descent. William Wurtzbergar and wife were the parents of five children, one son and four daughters. He brought his young family to Oblong Township at a very early date, and here reared them. He entered a farm of several hundred acres and placed it under cultivation, and there he resided until his death. All his life he was Democratic in his political views, and became very well known throughout the county.

Andrew Wurtzbergar was educated in the early log schoolhouse and when he attained to manhood estate he married Lucy (Best) Ikemire, widow of Jesse Ikemire. She had two daughters and a son by her first marriage to John Larrabe, who died in the Union Army during the Civil War. Mr. and Mrs. Wurtzbergar had eight children, three sons and five daughters, of whom William P. was the eldest, the others being: Andrew, Jr., Lucy, Mattie and four deceased—all born on the homestead of 200 acres. The father cleared about 70 acres of this and 70 acres each on two other farms. Like his father he became a very widely known Democrat, and was noted for his energy as a farmer and stock-raiser. His death occurred when he was fifty-two years old.

William P. Wurtzbergar attended the district school of Oblong Township and was reared on the old homestead. On April 7, 1898, he married Pearl Jackson, a farmer of that county. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Wurtzbergar: Andrew Thomas, Florence, Hazel, Chester, and Vernon. A daughter, Bertie Alice, was born to Mr. Wurtzbergar by a former marriage, his first wife having been Lucy Stifle, a daughter of Jasper Stifle. The children all have been born in the present home.

Mr. Wurtzbergar helped his father clear 70 acres of the present farm and has made many of the improvements upon it, developing it into a very valuable piece of property. He, too, is a Democrat, but is not an office-seeker.

WYLDE, David Z., D. D. S.—Energy, enterprise and perseverance will accomplish large results, and no one has proved this more thoroughly than Dr. David Z. Wylde, one of the popular young dentists of Oblong, Crawford County, Ill. Dr. Wylde was born in Oblong, July 13, 1883, a son of John and Lenora (Condrey) Wylde. John Wylde was a farmer, living one-half mile north of Oblong, where he died when thirty-eight years of age. His widow was married July 4, 1899, to J. B. Hook. David Z. Condrey, grandfather of Dr. Wylde on his mother's side, served in the Civil War and was promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant. The grandparents on the father's side were English, the grandfather having come to this country when thirty, and the grandmother in girlhood.

Dr. Wylde attended the common school until thirteen years old, when, his mother moving into town, he spent a year in the high school, and later went to the Dental College at Keokuk, Iowa, from which he was graduated when only nineteen. He had exhausted his funds going through college, and returning home borrowed fifteen dollars from his mother and, with it went to St. Louis where he worked in the Union Depot when not employed in his profession, but in 1905, returning to Oblong, opened an office there, and is now one of the most popular men in his profession, his skill being universally recognized. His practice is a very large one and is constantly growing. He is a Republican in politics, but is liberal enough to concede that oftentimes men are found outside his party better fitted for the office in question. On May 8, 1908, he joined the Elks, and is enthusiastic over this order.

On March 9, 1905, Dr. Wylde was married at Effingham to Cloa Burroughs—no issue. Dr. and Mrs. Wylde are very popular socially, and their hospitable home is thronged with their many friends.

YORK, Wiley Grant.—The discovery of oil in Crawford County changed the complexion of business in a good many localities, and made exceedingly valuable otherwise barren land. The fortunate ones who have wells upon their property need no longer seek for opportunities to increase their material welfare, for the income from a few of these wells is sufficient to remove

them forever from any fear of want. Wiley Grant York, of Robinson, owns a farm of 112 acres, on which are nineteen good oil wells, and in addition to this property he owns 1,500 acres in Arkansas. He was born near Robinson, Crawford County, Ill., October 17, 1865, a son of Charles York, a farmer, who was born in 1824 and died in 1903. Brought up on the farm, Wiley Grant York early learned all the details of farm life upon his father's property of 200 acres, at the same time attending the district school, and after spending sometime at Merom College, devoted attention to his farm, and after the discovery of oil on his property, to its proper marketing.

Mr. York has been twice married, his first marriage being with Miss Ellen May Beabout, February 21, 1892, in Crawford County. She was the daughter of a farmer, and was born February 5, 1873, and died in 1902. Mr. York was married at Danville, Ill., September 10, 1907, to Mrs. Mary (Beabout) Gordon, a widow with three children: Glenn, Dale and June Gordon. Mr. York has the following children by his first marriage: Alma Maud, born June 16, 1893, is in the eighth grade; Edna J. and Edgar Roy were twins and they died in infancy; Virgie Bell, born August 17, 1898, attends school and is in the third grade, and Bessie Marie, born October 26, 1902, died in infancy. Mr. York has a beautiful home which is the center of domestic felicity, and is the scene of many delightful social gatherings, he and his wife displaying a lavish hospitality. Fraternally, Mr. York is a member of I. O. O. F., Masons, Modern Woodmen and Patrons of Husbandry, which succeeded the Grangers. His father was an enthusiastic Republican, naming his son for the late President Grant, and Mr. York is himself equally strong in his advocacy of the party principles. His large oil holdings have made him an important factor in the history of Crawford County, and he is prominent alike in social, public and business affairs, and universally liked.

YORK, Willis Rily.—Crawford County is not only one of the best farming communities, but has centered in it extensive oil interests that have materially influenced the commercial and industrial life of this part of the State, and placed the owners of oil-producing property in the ranks of the well-to-do class. Among those thus fortunate is Willis Rily York, born in Robinson Township, January 4, 1855, a son of Benjamin and Jane (Athey) York, natives of Crawford County, Ill., and Licking County, Ohio, respectively. There were ten children in the family of Benjamin York, namely: Willis Rily, Alice, Mary, Eva, Ida, John, Amanda, Adeline, Cora and Leota, of whom Amanda died unmarried, and Eva and John died after marriage.

Until he was twenty years of age, Willis Rily York attended the district school of Robinson Township, and then purchased 40 acres of heavy woodland and cleared it all off with his own hands. He has added to it until he now owns 160 acres, and also has an interest in 470 acres near Stoy, upon which are nineteen oil wells. For thirty-five years Mr. York has been operating a threshing machine in his neighborhood and owns the very valuable machine which he uses.

On December 28, 1878, Mr. York was married in Granville Township, Jasper County, Ill., to Julia M. English, by 'Squire Ryan. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. York: Arthur Preston, born January 9, 1880, married Zella Green, daughter of Joseph Green of Crawford County, no issue; Walter Bruce, born February 8, 1881, married Maude Newlin, daughter of Sherman Newlin, and they have one girl; Leona Ophelia, born December 8, 1882, married Dr. Andrew J. Goodwin, of Crawford County, they live in Bradley, near Kankakee, Ill., and have one son; Alma Madge, born October 19, 1885, married Orlin Kirk, of Crawford County, and they have two sons; Gracie, born June 19, 1887; Glen Garland, born January 31, 1892; Claudia, born June 20, 1895; Ashbel Millard, born August 1, 1897; Raymond Benjamin, born September 5, 1899, and Christina May, born October 29, 1903.

Mrs. York is a daughter of Andrew Jackson and Amanda English, both born in Ohio. They had the following children: George Stephen, Wellington, Mrs. York, William Lincoln, Nettie Malinda, Alma, Lily and Cora, and of these five are married and the remainder deceased.

Mr. York is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Modern Woodmen, and is active in both orders. For twenty years both he and Mrs. York have been consistent members of the Christian Church. Mr. York is a Republican in politics and in 1902 was elected County Treasurer on the Republican ticket when the county was Democratic by 100 majority. After serving his term as Treasurer, he still remains upon the farm farming and in the threshing business.

YOUNG, Aaron, a man who for many years operated his farm in Montgomery Township, was born in Hamilton County, Ohio, August 16, 1830, a son of Robert Young, born in Newark, N. J., February 13, 1787. By trade he was a shoemaker and traveled about working at his trade. He married in Ohio, Sarah Gogin, born September 16, 1803, in Cape May, N. J., daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Scull) Gogin, and she became the mother of seven children. Robert Young was a soldier in the War of 1812, and a son of his, Robert S., died in the Civil War. Aaron Young was educated in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Crawford County. On January 4, 1865, he married in Miami County, Ohio, Sarah Yates, daughter of Edmund and Sarah (Leming) Yates, born June 20, 1842. They had children as follows: Sarah L., Hannah C., Robert E. and Maria J., twins, and Mary L. Mr. Young is of Scotch descent, but his wife's parents traced back to Indian ancestry. Mr. and Mrs. Young early connected themselves with the Methodist Episcopal Church. He has long been a Republican and is a prominent and well-liked man.

YOUNG, Robert Chesley.—It is many years since registered stock was introduced into Crawford County, but now there are few farmers who do not have one or two horses, cows or hogs of registered stock. Registered stock produces better prices, are more prolific, and not any more expensive to raise, so that, once the initial price is paid, the profits are much larger. For this reason many men whose business acumen is great, are extensively engaged in the breeding and raising of registered stock, and among those who have been eminently successful along this line is Robert Chesley Young, of Hutsonville Township, Crawford County.

Mr. Young was born west of Danville, Vermilion County, Ill., January 1, 1858, a son of David Young, who was born May 29, 1839, in Franklin County, Ohio. He came to Crawford County in 1892, and owns 239 acres of excellent farming land, which is in a good state of cultivation. He owns a good residence and his farm buildings are in excellent condition. His first wife was Mildred Swim, who was a daughter of Nathaniel Swim, and died in April, 1870. They were married September 22, 1856, in Vermilion County, by the Rev. Jackson Partlow, of the Methodist Church, and seven children resulted from their union: George Monroe, born March 14, 1857; Robert Chesley; Franklin A., born in 1860; Joseph K., born February 22, 1862; Mary Florence, born in 1865; Milton Gilbert, born in 1867; Lucy, born in 1870. His second wife was Mrs. Georgiana Wood, daughter of John Gunning, from Missouri. They were married September 8, 1881, by the Rev. Charles Seals, of the Baptist Church. She died in January, 1882, leaving no issue. In politics Mr. David Young is a Democrat, and while he has never aspired to public office, he has taken a deep interest in township affairs. He has been a good business man and worthy citizen.

Robert Chesley Young attended the Potomac School and remained in Vermilion County until he settled in Crawford County in 1892. On February 4, 1886, he married Kate Franklin, a daughter of B. G. Franklin and Mary (Buck) Franklin, natives of Indiana. The marriage was performed at the residence of A. G. Smith, by the Rev. J. R. Smith, of the United Brethren Church. Mrs. Young was born January 24, 1868, and has borne her husband these children: Cleo, born January 26, 1890, married Claude Tennyson, a son of William Tennyson, and they have no issue. They reside in Prairie Township. Mr. and Mrs. Young had twins born to them, Ray and Ralph, but Ray died July 12, 1898.

Mrs. Young has been a member of the Universalist Church for ten years. Mr. Young raises Percheron horses and Poland-China and Hampshire hogs, shipping to the Chicago market. He also ships considerable cattle, and his product always commands excellent prices on account of the superiority of his stock of all kinds.

ZIEGLER, Earnest.—The farmers of Crawford County are a fine set of men who possess plain common sense, high courage and sincerity of purpose, and they have redeemed their land from the wild prairie and made it into wonderfully valuable property. Earnest Ziegler of Oblong Township, Section 6, was born in the township where he now resides, October 17, 1868, and here was reared and received a good common school education. He remained with his father, George Ziegler, until twenty-two, when he married and since that time has managed his father's farm. Oil has been discovered on his father's land, thus greatly increasing its value, and there are fourteen wells on it in active operation.

In 1890 Mr. Ziegler married Ava Gill, daughter of Lafayette Gill of Oblong Township. Mrs. Ziegler died in 1896, having borne her husband two children,—Lulu and George. About two years later Mr. Ziegler married Julia Sentney, a daughter of Henry Sentney. Mr. Ziegler and his present wife are the parents of the following children: Marietta, Ellen E., Leo Murl and Lilly May. Mr. Ziegler has always been a Democrat, and earnestly supports the principles and candidates of that party. He is a hard-working, thrifty man who has always endeavored to do his full duty by his family and his neighbor and his success is certainly well merited.

ZIEGLER, George.—After a long and useful life filled with hard work and good deeds, George Ziegler of Oblong Township, Crawford County, is now living retired, enjoying the well-earned rest that is his. He was born in Perry County, Ohio, October 10, 1835, a son of Peter Ziegler, now deceased, who was a farmer of Ohio, and died when George was but ten years of age. Peter was born in Pennsylvania of German descent. He married Saloma Bowman, born in Pennsylvania also of German descent. In the family of seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ziegler, George was the third child and second son.

Being reared and educated in Ohio, as were all his brothers and sisters, George Ziegler remained there until 1852, when he came to Illinois and settled in Oblong Township, he there rented a farm for about six years, and then bought the farm his son Ernest now operates consisting of 137 acres. This he cleared off, cultivated and improved. To the original purchase he added 42½ acres, and devoted his farm to general farming and stock-raising until 1908, when he removed to Oblong and, building a very pleasant home, retired to it.

George Ziegler was married September 15, 1858, to Martha V. Muchmore, the daughter of Benjamin and Ruth (Robinson) Muchmore. Mrs. Ziegler was born in Indiana. They had three children: Edgar, Anna and Ernest, all born in Oblong Township, where Mrs. Ziegler died, February 19, 1896. On April 14, 1904, Mr. Ziegler married Rachel (Dedrick) Kirk, widow of Joseph Kirk, a farmer of Oblong Township, and a daughter of Jacob Dedrick, deceased, a pioneer of Oblong Township. Mrs. Ziegler was born in Pennsylvania, June 21, 1849, and is of German descent. July 29, 1847, Jacob

Dedrick, the father of Mrs. Ziegler, married Mary Delany, also born in Pennsylvania, and they had two daughters and three sons, one of the family being born in Oblong Township. Mrs. Ziegler is the oldest of this family. The father left Pennsylvania when Mrs. Ziegler was four years old, and coming to Oblong in 1852, bought 120 acres of land there, but did not settle on it until 1864. He improved the property and there Mrs. Ziegler was reared. His first wife dying, he married Rachel Smith, by whom he had two daughters.

While Mr. Ziegler is a Democrat he believes in voting for the right man without adhering too closely to party lines. He is a member of the United Brethren Church, while his wife belongs to the Christian Church. In 1907 oil was discovered on his property, which has greatly increased its value, and he now has fourteen wells in active operation.

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